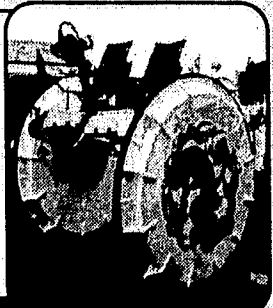


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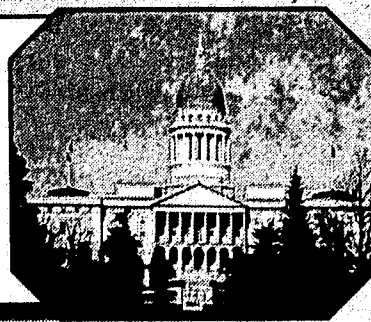


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Summer programs for kids are combined

Mahoosuc Kids
Association will
provide after-
school care and
summer activities

By ALISON ALOISIO

Golfing at the Bethel Inn, riding the Sunday River chairlift, taking field trips to mines, navigating with maps and compass.

Those are some of the activities planned for this summer by the Mahoosuc Kids Association, which will offer daycare and enrichment activities in cooperation with the inn and ski resort.

MKA operated an afterschool program in SAD44 elementary schools this year, funded by a five-year, \$65,000-a-year grant. The program has grown quickly, and a recent survey showed about 45 families were interested in having the services extended through the summer.

Sunday River drops CSR
Julie Hart, MKA director, said her organization did not originally plan to offer a summer program. But, she said, they saw the need coming when they learned Sunday River Ski Resort would discontinue its Camp Sunday River program this summer.

A tally of the children of parents

responding to the survey showed that last summer about 30 children utilized either CSR or the Bethel Inn summer camp programs, Hart said. Another two dozen used private summer daycare.

With the MKA program gaining momentum, it made sense to combine resources with the businesses, Hart said. "We're taking components from both camps and trying to run a nice program," she said.

Children served will range in age from those about to enter kindergarten to youngsters now completing the fifth grade. Hart said she anticipates about 40 to 50 children will participate.

The program will be based at the Crescent Park Elementary School in Bethel, following approval Monday by the SAD44 School Board. Hart said some parents of Woodstock children have also expressed an interest in bringing their children.

While parents are responsible to transport children to CPS, MKA will contract for bus transportation to take them to activities.

The program will run eight weeks, beginning in late June, with core hours of operation 8 a.m. to 4 or 5 p.m. Earlier and/or later daycare hours will be provided if there is demand, Hart said.

Inn offers course, swimming
The Bethel Inn has offered the use of its golf course and Songo Pond swimming site at no charge,

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Ladies and gentlemen, start your ... whatever

By ALISON ALOISIO

Starting to feel guilty, now that that stuff you left lying around in your yard is starting to emerge from the snow? You might want to think about entering it in a race in Bethel.

A "Summer Solstice Sculpture Race" will take place June 21 in Bethel Village. It is part of a day-long Midsummer Festival, sponsored in part by the Mahoosuc Arts Council.

Organizers are inviting tinkers, artists, ironworkers, craftsmen, welders, woodworkers, engineers and sculptors and "creative people of all persuasions" to come up with mobile works of art that can travel the streets of Bethel.

Competitors will be judged in

four categories: fastest; most creative/original; best use of junk/most recycled and most ridiculous/silliest.

The idea for the race is adapted from similar competitions held in other parts of the country. Sally Taylor of Bethel heard about them from a sculptor whose works were exhibited at Gould Academy last year. Locations for other races include Baltimore, Boston, Connecticut and California, for instance.

"I was intrigued. There are so many people around (Bethel) who make things," said Taylor.

She floated the idea to several other art-minded people. And not surprisingly, Jim Sysko, of World's

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Science and art come together for solstice fest

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel's sculpture race is part of a larger Midsummer Festival, an observance modeled after celebrations of the solstice that date back to prehistoric times. The June 21 events will stop short of human sacrifice, however.

"It's traditional in Europe to have festivals on the longest day of the year," said Sally Taylor, who has witnessed such events in Finland.

Norse observances in the past included bonfires, celebrations and sacrifices to the gods. Celtic peoples also observed the day in celebration of the marriages of the gods. Many ancient stone monoliths of that region are aligned to the solstice.

Bethel's version of the celebration will begin in the morning, with an educational presentation that will put the celebration in its historical context. Tim Kersey, retired Telstar physics teacher, will present "The Science of the Solstice," a discussion of the movements of the earth and sun, at Odeon Hall.

The sculpture race takes place in the village in late morning. In the afternoon, events will move to "The Meadow," the large field just before Breau's on Route 2 in Bethel.

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Diddy has no doubts about dowsing



DIDDY JOHNSON OF LOCKE MILLS, who taught herself to dowse, has found water from Greenwood to Greenville — even when it flowed beneath ledge.
(Photo by Rebecca Zicarelli)

By REBECCA ZICARELLI

Dowsing, the ancient and mystical art of locating underground water with a stick, has never been proven to work. It has never been disproven, either.

But if you ask Diddy Johnson, a dowser and lifelong resident of Greenwood, she'll tell you dowsing works. She's dowsed all her adult life, locating water from Greenwood to Greenville.

The 'charge' is with her

Dowsers claim they can tell where underground water runs using a forked stick. With drought drying up wells throughout the area, a dowser may — if you believe — be able to help you find a place where you're sure to get water.

Or, Johnson cautioned, almost sure.

"A lot of times you can't get it," Johnson said. "When you're dowsing, you can't tell if there's rock or ledge in the way. The water's there, but you may not be able to get at it."

Johnson, who will be 81 in May, taught herself to dowse.

"I watched a guy do ours," she said, "and I thought it was funny. Later, I said to myself, 'I bet I can do that,' so I tried, and I could."

Johnson doesn't know why she can find water underground.

"What makes it work?" she asks, "Nobody knows. That's the \$64,000 question. Nobody knows why it works for some people and doesn't work for others, either."

"I did it for my oldest brother," she said. "He didn't believe."

"When he started digging, he hit a ledge. He blasted. It was right next to the house. The whole house shook. He blew his wife's dishes out of the cupboard and his guns right out of the racks. The water

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ASC sued for bailing on Steamboat deal

From AP and staff reporting

Timothy and Diane Mueller, owners of Okemo Mountain Resort in Ludlow, Vt., have filed suit against Newry-based American Skiing Company, claiming the financially troubled resort company broke its contract with Triple Peaks LLC.

The suit, filed in federal court in Denver, accuses American Skiing, the owner of Sunday River and Sugarbush ski areas in Maine, of secretly negotiating a deal to sell Heavenly ski area in California to help solve some of its financial problems, while misleading the Muellers' company about its intentions to sell Steamboat.

The suit alleges that ASC repeatedly postponed the closing on the deal, apparently to firm up its Heavenly deal, while Triple Peaks were "ready and willing" to finalize its deal to buy Steamboat for \$91.4 million.

"This is where we wound up, not by our choosing," Diane Mueller, of Chester, said Friday.

Vail Resorts of Colorado has agreed to buy Heavenly for \$102 million in cash and assumed debt.

According to ASC, the Heavenly

And residents
there worry
ASC will not
be able to keep
the resort
competitive

deal with Vail Resorts could bring in about \$30 million more than the Steamboat deal.

The Muellers and some investors from Vermont and Colorado formed Triple Peaks LLC last year to purchase Steamboat. The resort is located in Steamboat Springs, Colo., and has more than one million skier visits a year.

Triple Peaks is also the parent company of Okemo Mountain in Ludlow, which is owned by the Muellers, and holds the lease for Mount Sunapee Ski Area in Newbury, N.H.

"American Skiing Company's breach of contract with Triple Peaks goes beyond unfair treatment and lack of good faith in dealing with us," said Timothy Mueller.

"It cuts to the core of the ski industry, where operators and owners have always done business openly and honestly. Their behavior may forever change the manner in which the ski industry must now do business. This is a small industry, and we should be able to rely on agreements made to each other. It is a shame that we have to go to court to enforce a commitment."

"We want to force them to live up to the contract and not walk away from it."

Triple Peaks is also seeking unspecified damages from ASC.

ASC CEO B.J. Fair said earlier the company was willing to pay a \$500,000 penalty for breaking the contract.

Worries in Steamboat Springs
Residents of Steamboat Springs, Colo., are concerned about the future of the town's Steamboat resort after the potential sale to a locally

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AMC: Take care in Tuckerman

As skiers begin the annual spring trek to Tuckerman Ravine, the Appalachian Mountain Club advises skiers and hikers to be aware of the hazards of avalanches, open crevasses, falling ice, and extreme weather in the ravine.

The month began recently with more than five inches of new snow in Tuckerman Ravine, raising the likelihood of avalanches at the famed spring skiing mecca.

U.S. Forest Service Snow Ranger Brad Ray reported last week that avalanche danger was considerable in the ravine, with natural avalanches possible and

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Thank you. No foolin'

The Citizen would like to express its thanks to Harry Faulkner, Dennis Doyon and Bethel Police Chief Darren Tripp, for allowing their good names to be used in last week's April Fool "bra tree" piece. They did not see the piece prior to publication, nor, of course, did they or the anonymous Planning Board members quoted in the piece say or do any of the things attributed to them in it. The piece was a total fiction — except for the bra tree at Snowbird resort in Utah, which is real and can be seen on the Web at the site noted in the caption.

—MRD

Letters

R.E.A.C.H REACHES 20

To the Editor:

This year's annual SpeakOut and Survivors Art Show, put on by the Rape Education and Crisis Hotline (R.E.A.C.H.), will be one of significance for the agency. R.E.A.C.H. is celebrating its 20th year. What began as a true grassroots effort has evolved into an agency that provides a number of services to victims and survivors of sexual violence in western Maine.

In 1980, a number of people in the Oxford Hills region noted that there was a high incidence of sexual abuse and sexual assault in the area and that there was a lack of any kind of crisis intervention or support services for the victims and survivors of these crimes. A meeting took place at the home of one of the members of this group, where it was decided that they would take action on this issue. They decided that they would form an organization to provide these services, hire someone to direct these efforts, and recruit volunteers from the communities to provide services. Their next question was how to finance such a venture. The initial startup money came from their own pockets, which they emptied out onto the living room floor the evening of that first meeting. A part-time director was hired. For several years, she operated out of her car, "borrowing" office space as needed. Successful grant writing and active fundraising within the communities provided some semestable operating revenue. Advertising this new service resulted in many calls from survivors of sexual assault and sexual abuse; the director responded to these calls. A volunteer training was soon held, resulting in a small staff of trained crisis hotline advocates, who were available to respond to the needs of victims and survivors throughout Oxford County.

R.E.A.C.H., the sexual assault crisis and support services center serving Oxford County and the towns of Harrison and Bridgton, will sponsor its 20th annual SpeakOut and Survivors Art Show Sunday, April 14. SpeakOut provides all survivors of sexual assault, whether recent or in the past, the opportunity to share their feelings about their abuse, the impact it had on them, and/or their recovery process through the use of prose, poetry, music, dance and artwork — in a safe and supportive environment. This is a public event attended by survivors and their loved ones as well as supportive professionals and community members.

The SpeakOut and Survivor Art Show will be held at the Fare Share Commons, 443 Main Street, Norway. The event begins at 1 p.m. The Survivor Art Show, including a recently made Survivor Quilt, will be on display from April 14 to 17.

Art has proven to be extremely beneficial to the healing process from sexual assault and other traumas. The artwork that is produced, whether through written work, movement, or drawing, is sure to move and affect any that view or are witness to the pieces. This event has always been a powerful and sometimes transforming event for those who attend. Individuals with questions, or considering submitting artwork, reading or actively participating in this event, may call the R.E.A.C.H. office at 743-9777 or (800) 871-7741 and leave a brief message and phone number, and we will respond as soon as we can.

Shari J. Smith

Executive Director, R.E.A.C.H.

IT WAS 'DINNING ROOM'

To the Editor:

Thank you very much for printing my letter remembering Albert Cotton. My paper arrived in my mailbox yesterday.

A funny thing happened on the way to the printer, a letter "n" was lost. Originally, the sign over the entrance to the dining room of Cotton's Restaurant read "Dinning Room" as I had written in my letter. School kids would occasionally smirk at the misspelling. Later it was corrected with a new sign.

Thanks again.

Donald G. Bennett
Bethel and Orlando, Fla.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Augusta Roll Call Report

By STEVEN STYCOS

It's unusual, but state Representative Tom Winsor (R-Norway) did it.

Typically, members of the powerful Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee hammer out a budget and then go to the full House and Senate united in support. In return for compromise and accommodation in the committee, panel members tenaciously work with legislative leaders to defeat all budget amendments.

This year, though, the soft-spoken and conservative Winsor just could not stomach the budget proposal drafted by his colleagues, and he voted against it. "I'm disappointed we've put together a spending plan with the governor that's put together a \$500 million spending problem (during the next two-year state budget) for the next Legislature," he says.

"We basically scooped all the cash," summarizes Winsor, who points to the \$97 million removed from Maine's \$107 million rainy-day fund. Other short-term, one-time, measures like delaying purchasing and hiring in state departments also saved money, he notes.

"It's not a very prudent way to do business," Winsor says. "We should have had the courage to face up to those issues." Instead, he predicts, the next Legislature will have to cut spending or raise taxes.

Appropriations Committee chair Jill Goldthwait (D-Hancock) backed the recently approved budget, but admits, "It's going to be a challenge for them to balance the budget next year."

The estimated deficit for the next two-year budget was perhaps \$200 million more before the committee began its work this year, she adds. "It's way better than where it was headed," the moderate lawmaker says, noting that future financial budget problems are a bit overstated. Forecasters predict, for example, that state aid for education, known as GPA, will increase 6 percent a year, or about \$150 million over the next two years, according to Department of Education spokesperson Yellow Breen. An improvement in the economy, Goldthwait observes, would also shrink the \$500 million problem.

"I wished we could have done better as far as what we've left behind," Goldthwait says, but the pressures of short-term financial needs overpowered long-term planning. "We need to have a longer line of site on financial issues," she suggests.

"They weren't faced with a crisis," summarizes Winsor. "It's very difficult for a political body to look that far into the future."

Although he spoke against the budget proposal in the caucus of Republican representatives, Winsor says, he did not speak during the House floor debate. "I didn't go out and try to undermine the committee at all."

Winsor had a unique reason for voting against a non-binding resolution to establish normal trade relations with Cuba (see House vote 5 below) — his parents owned some land on the Cuban Isle of Pines that was confiscated by Cuban leader Fidel Castro following his 1959 overthrow of dictator Fulgencio Batista.

Winsor's parents and others in the Pittsfield area had begun preliminary planning for a golf course on the land, Winsor relates, when it was seized.

Several years later, in the mid-1960s, Winsor visited Cuba while serving in the U.S. Navy. He swam a couple of times at the beach at the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, he recalls. The base currently houses enemy soldiers captured during the recent war in Afghanistan.

While he would like to see more trade with Cuba, he argues, "We should insist people honor their contracts," and restore property to its pre-1959 owners.

Below is a summary of recent roll call votes by area legislators.

SENATE

Raise Governor's Salary: 2/19/02 vote on LD 1892, sponsored by state Senator Jill Goldthwait (I-Hancock), to increase the next governor's annual salary from \$70,000 to \$101,000 and increase the governor's pension eligibility age from 60 to 62. Goldthwait argued that the governor has huge responsibilities, yet the pay has not been increased since 1986, but opponents say the position is amply compensated with a car, driver and residence in the Blaine House. The bill was defeated 11-19. Senator Norman Ferguson (R-Oxford) voted yes. Senator Richard Bennett (R-Oxford) did not vote.

Tighten Severance Pay Law: 3/22/02 vote on LD 2054, sponsored by state Representative John Tuttle (D-Sanford), to tighten Maine's severance pay law. The proposal eliminates bankruptcy as an excuse for not paying severance, makes parent corporations responsible for bankrupt subsidiaries and requires new owners to assume the severance pay obligations of previous owners after three years. Supporters say loopholes let employers avoid paying a week's pay for every year of service, while opponents say the law puts Maine at a disadvantage in attracting new business. The bill was defeated 17-18. Ferguson and Bennett voted no.

No Guns for Abusers: 3/25/02 vote an amendment, sponsored by state Senator Neria Douglas (D-Androscoggin) to LD 2163, to give judges the power to prohibit the subjects of temporary protection orders from possessing guns, if abuse was committed or threatened with the gun. Supporters say the amendment lets judges better protect abused women, while opponents say guns should not be confiscated without a complete hearing. The amendment was defeated 14-20. Ferguson was absent. Bennett voted no.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Raise Governor's Salary: 3/26/02 vote on LD 1892 (see Senate vote above). The bill was defeated 65-73. Arlan Jodrey (R-Bethel) and John Patrick (D-Rumford) voted yes. Winsor voted no.

Tighten Severance Pay Law: 3/19/02 vote on LD 2054 (see Senate vote above). The bill passed 88-55. Patrick voted yes. Jodrey and Winsor voted no.

Ban use of Airplanes in Hunting: 3/25/02 vote on LD 2078, sponsored by state Senator David Carpenter (R-York) to ban the use of airplanes in hunting moose. Supporters say guiding hunters by plane or shooting from planes is inhumane, while opponents say the problem is rare and the legislation unnecessary. The bill passed 102-40. Jodrey and Patrick voted yes. Winsor voted no.

Ban sale of Mercury Thermostats: 3/19/02 vote on LD 2004, sponsored by state Representative Scott Covger (D-Hallowell), to ban the sale of thermostats that contain mercury starting in 2006, except those used in manufacturing. Supporters want to reduce the amount of mercury in the environment because the toxin contaminates fish and disrupts the human nervous system. Opponents worry about hurting Maine businesses when other states have not taken similar steps. The bill passed 101-43. Patrick voted yes. Jodrey and Winsor voted no.

Trade with Cuba: 3/21/02 vote on a resolution, sponsored by state Senator Richard Kneeland (R-Aroostook), requesting President Bush to open normal trade relations with Cuba. The resolution states that the Cold War is over and Cuba would be a great market for American farm products. Opponents charge trade should not resume until the Communist dictatorship of Fidel Castro is overthrown. The resolution passed 114-21. Jodrey and Patrick voted yes. Winsor voted no.

School Aid, Not Laptops: 3/22/02 vote on an amendment to the state budget proposed by state Representative Nancy Sullivan (D-Biddeford). Sullivan's proposal would have transferred \$9 million to local school aid, rather than save it to pay for the fourth year of Governor Angus King's proposal to provide students with laptop computers. The amendment would have insured that almost all districts receive at least the same school aid next year as this year, plus added another \$5 million to the funding formula. Supporters say local districts can best decide how to finance education, but legislative leaders say tinkering with the laptop program might have endangered King's support for the entire budget deal. The amendment failed 69-71. Patrick voted yes. Jodrey and Winsor voted no.

Regulate Temporary Employment Agencies: 3/22/02 vote on LD 1594, sponsored by state Senator Sharon Treat (D-Kennebec), to require temp agencies to disclose wages, hours and working conditions before assigning workers to a job and providing that after 90 days on the job temp workers must receive the same pay and benefits as regular workers. Supporters seek to stop the exploitation of temporary workers, but opponents say there is little proof the abuses extend beyond a few companies. The bill passed 70-68, but was defeated in the Senate 32-1. Patrick voted yes. Jodrey voted no. Winsor was absent.

Each month while the Maine Legislature is in session, the Augusta Roll Call Report will detail the key votes of our area's legislators during the previous month.

The Roll Call Report is intended to help voters decide whether how well their elected representatives are representing the people who elected them. The Citizen urges its readers to clip and save these reports and refer to them later this year when candidates for state Representative and state Senator are seeking votes.

The report is researched and written by reporter Steven Stycos using official House of Representatives and Senate documents.

In our back yard

Climate change and citizen science

Have you considered how our ecosystems might change as the United States warms over the next 100 years? Ecologists think that temperature increases could disrupt present patterns of plant and animal distributions in our forests, fields and freshwater ecosystems. Many uncertainties exist about how specific species and whole ecosystems will respond to climate change.

So ... what changes may occur over the next decade? Which mammals, birds, insects, fish, amphibians, plants should we be observing? And who will collect all that data for the scientists to analyze?

Increasingly, citizen science data is being used to measure ecosystem changes. In Great Britain, over one million records were collected by volunteers on the breeding histories of 225 bird species. They found that British birds have been nesting earlier since 1997.

Here in North America, bird watchers are contributing scientific data too. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology analyzed that data and reported a 12-mile range expansion of birds over the last 30 years. The range expansion, which had been thought to be the result of an increase in the popularity of feeding birds in winter, is now being reanalyzed to try to determine whether climate or food is the key determinant.

Citizen science — the data that can be collected by volunteers in local communities — is proving to be a valuable asset in many scientific studies. If you are a citizen-scientist who would like to contribute data on plant and animal observations, there are lots of opportunities.

One new study you might be interested in is the Dandelion Biology project. Designed by a University of Massachusetts based ecologist, Dr. Rob Stevenson, the possibilities for involvement in the project are exciting. This scientific study will engage people in monitoring the growth and development of dandelions over a wide geographic area each year. The hope is to collect data for a decade or more to use the seasonal timing of leaf growth, flowering, seed head emergence, etc. as markers for climate change.

Who can participate? K-12 students, scouts, 4-H, etc. and individual nature lovers from across the country can contribute. All data will be kept in an Internet accessible database, and, in subsequent years, we will be able to access maps of how the seasons are progressing.

For now, you can check out the Web site at www.dandelionbiology.org to find out how to get started. You can also obtain copies of the Observation Journal and an exciting assortment of activities including dandelion poetry, recipes, book lists, artistic ideas and experiments you can do with a class or community group.

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Our Back Pages

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10 years ago: After standing vacant for more than three years, Locke Mills Marketplace was purchased by Associated Grocers of Maine who planned to operate it as a Shurline Market. (Now the site of Maine Line Products' Locke Mills location.)

Telstar senior Amy K. Hannon was presented the 1992 Principal's Award by Theodore Davis, principal.

Inducted into the National Honor Society at Telstar were Danielle Bernier, Chelby Cavelaro, Sarah Coolidge, Chris Myers, Faye Luxton, Robin Michaud, Misty Hutchinson, Fred Burk, Tony MacKillop and Marko Radosavjevic.

Deaths: Ernest L. Holt, Lilla E. Reed, Edgar C. Hall.

20 years ago: Bethel Lions Club observed its 15th Charter Anniversary.

Plans were underway exploring the possibility of a rescue and/or first responder unit in the town of Greenwood.

Jackson-Silver Post, American Legion, was sponsoring the attendance of Christopher Johnson at the Law Enforcement program at Maine Criminal Justice Academy in May.

Births: Lisa May Crowell, Joshua Adam Wodka.

Deaths: Seward P. Stearns, Julian R. Thompson, Haakon M. Olson, Harold R. Vatcher, James M. Farrington.

30 years ago: A service of dedication was held at Bethel Church of the Nazarene on Church Street. In 1965 the Bethel Church of the Nazarene had purchased the village landmark built by the Universalist Parish of Bethel in 1853.

Spec. 4 Stephen R. Hastings was stationed in Germany with the 23rd Ordnance Company.

Navy Seaman Thomas K. Remington graduated from recruit training at Great Lakes (Ill.) Naval Training Center.

Telstar senior Merry Robertson was presented the Good Citizenship Award by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Deaths: Hamilton R. DeLisle, Alice D. Coffin, Nina Nowlin, Myrtle R. Keniston.

40 years ago: A nighttime fire at the P.H. Chadbourne & Co., South Bethel, destroyed a shavings building. Lost in the fire were baling machinery, 600 bales of shavings and six trailer loads of loose shavings.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vail were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Bear River Grange Hall, Newry.

The Cross brothers and their wives extended their appreciation of the work of the ski patrol and all who had given their time at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes with a turkey supper at the ski lodge.

Ira C. Hubbard Jr. was valedictorian of the Class of 1962 at Gould Academy. Margaret Anne Davis was salutatorian.

Woodstock High School students came home with prizes from a science fair held at Buckfield High School. Jean Wardwell was second in biology; Jane Wardwell, second in chemistry; Ronald Roberts, first in physics and David Belskis, second physics.

Births: Matthew John and Mark Stephen Bennoch.

Deaths: Waino A. Heikkinen, Jessie Flagg.

50 years ago: As directed by the voters at Town Meeting, Bethel selectmen had appointed a School Survey Committee. Members were Kimball Ames, Earl A. Davis, Phyllis D. Dock, Rodney K. Howe, Bertha M. Mills, Francis E. Noyes, Wallace E. Saunders, Faye S. Taylor and Edmond J. Vachon.

Birth: Linda Hathaway.

Deaths: Bert Bennett, George N. Thompson, Mary A. Cole Bennett, Michael J. Marshall.

60 years ago: Five were injured in Gilead when a car skidded into another. Injured were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lozier and Carol of Gilead and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Turgeon of Berlin.

90 years ago: Two hundred prominent townspeople signed a position to go to Washington protesting the moving of the local post office from the location it had been for 20 years.

100 years ago: Gould Academy played its first game of the season at Riverside Park against the Bridgton Academy team. (The "old fairgrounds" located at the southeasterly end of the runway at Col. Dyke Field.)

Bethel House sold to Charles F. Lord of Brookline, Mass. He planned to build a 120x40 foot stable for livery purposes.

A 10-cent supper was held at the Universalist Church.

Subscriptions were being taken to raise funds for fountain on the common.

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Briefly

Remains found in woods

GILEAD—A man fishing the Wild River Saturday found the skeletal remains of a person believed to be those of a man missing since September. The remains were found in a sleeping bag, according to Jim Davis, Oxford County Sheriff's chief deputy. He said there do not appear to be signs of foul play. Davis said the remains could be those of a man State Police searched for last fall. Trooper Eric Paquette investigated an accident in the area in September in which an overturned vehicle was found at the bottom of an embankment. The driver was missing. He said the crash appeared to be intentional because the vehicle went over the embankment slowly, and the ignition was not on when police arrived. Not long after, the missing man's mother called, saying her son had gone through a difficult divorce and had left a note with the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office saying he wanted to live alone in the woods. The man's name is being withheld pending further investigation.

Design contracts authorized

BETHEL—The SAD44 School Board Monday authorized the district to enter into contractual agreements related to two bond issue projects that will go before voters in June. One agreement would be a \$55,000 contract with A.E. Hodson for engineering services for water and sewer installations. The district is proposing to run lines from Bethel Village to Telstar. The second agreement is a \$12,000 contract with Smith Reuter Lull Architects for design services regarding renovations at Telstar and construction of a track. That work is tied together in a single bond issue by a \$113,600 grant offer from the Bingham Betterment Fund. The grant would be available only if both the renovations and track are approved by voters. If the water/sewer and renovation/track questions are defeated, SAD44 will still be responsible for the money in the design costs. Supt. Kent Rosberg said the district will risk the \$55,000 in order to ensure the sewer/water work could be done this summer. Bids would be put out prior to the June 11 referendum in order to have the work ready to go immediately after the vote, if successful. Telstar has had four days this year in which the school's well pumps were very slow to recover from low water levels, he said. In addition, the district is under pressure from the Department of Environmental Protection to eliminate the current septic disposal system, which dumps treated effluent into a small stream. The funds for the track design will be spent to give voters an accurate cost of construction.

Mt. Explorer completes first season

BETHEL—Sunday concluded this season's operation schedule for the Mountain Explorer bus service, according to Glenn Gordon of Mountain Explorer operations. The total ridership figure for March was 4,860, with the year's total 20,946. Gordon said ridership was strong in the early part of March, then tailed off during the last two weeks.

Recreation reorganized

WOODSTOCK—Selectmen last week gave approval to a plan to reorganize the Recreation Department. Recreation Committee member Jim Miclon said Woodstock lacks bylaws governing sports programs. He said guidelines are needed for coaches and for controlling the spending of committee funds. The committee is allocated \$5,500 a year. A new sports booster club also took part in the board's discussion. The selectmen decided to appoint the committee with representatives of that group included. Appointed were Miclon as chairman, Lisa Lauro, John Fitzmorris, Mark Farnum and Norm Lewis. Lewis' appointment would only take effect if current member Robert Seames does not wish to continue serving.

Inn fire extinguished quickly

BETHEL—A small fire in a condominium complex at the Bethel Inn did only minor damage last Thursday, thanks to fast action by the Bethel Fire Department. The late morning blaze started on the outside of one of the Fairway Condominiums, said Jim Young, Bethel fire chief. Young said he did not know what started the fire.

SAD44 personnel changes

BETHEL—The SAD44 School Board Monday approved the hiring of James Rose as a physics teacher at Telstar High School for next school year. He currently teaches at Mountain Valley High School, according to Supt. Kent Rosberg. Rosberg said he expects the high school curriculum to eventually offer an advanced placement physics class. School directors were also notified of the resignations of Telstar music teacher Jill Nowak and English teacher Sue Hutchins, effective at the end of the school year, the resignation of CPS custodian Hugh Chapman, effective at the end of this month, and the transfers of TMS math teacher Tim Remington to THS, and CPS teacher Mark Kinney to TMS eighth-grade math.

Cable franchise hearing schedule

NEWRY—A public hearing has been scheduled for 9 a.m. on April 23 at the Town Office for an ordinance to establish procedures governing the awarding and renewal of franchises to operate and maintain cable television systems, and the use of streets and other public places for that purpose in Newry.

Tax break must be limited

WEST PARIS—Selectmen have learned they cannot legally give Penley Corp. owner Richard Penley a tax break on personal property for equipment in the mill building. They had offered the break to help Penley advertise the sale of the mill, which closed this year. But the Maine Municipal Association's Legal Department said Penley may only receive a tax break on depreciation on the equipment, rather than an overall break. The board said its earlier vote is now moot, and the town will now study and consider the break on depreciation.

Seniors Day planned

BETHEL—A Celebrating Seniors Day will take place April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. A variety of service providers will be available to offer services and advice. Organizations participating or topics covered include the Bethel Area Senior College & Adult Education; Seniors Plus Program; alternative & traditional health care providers; massage therapists; an attorney; clergy representatives; a pharmacist; senior housing; social services; home health care; insurance and investment; and hobbies and volunteer opportunities. Admission is free, and light snacks and coffee are available for a small fee. The event is organized by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by W.J. Wheeler Co., Inc.

Learn about vernal pools

BETHEL—A free slide presentation on vernal pools is scheduled for April 24 at 7 p.m. at Ordway Hall at Gould Academy. Sally Stockwell, director of conservation at the Maine Audubon Society, will discuss wildlife species that live or breed in the pools, and will offer tips on how to identify and conserve the pools. The presentation is sponsored by the Mahoosuc Land Trust, and is the final program in this season's Local Knowledge Series.

Moose auction raises \$50,000

AUGUSTA—More than \$50,000 was raised for youth conservation education scholarships in Maine through the 2002 Maine Moose Permit Auction. Five sportsmen bid a total of \$54,967 in a sealed bid auction for the privilege of hunting moose during this year's season. All of the money goes to partial scholarships to help send 300 Maine youngsters to the Maine Summer Conservation School in Bryant Pond and the Greenland Point Center in Princeton.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Vehicle not a place of lodging

Tuesday, April 2

At 8:28 p.m., police responded to a Main Street business for a suspicious vehicle. The officer found a subject sleeping in it. He said he was working with a construction crew, and did not have a place to stay. The officer told him he would have to move along.

Thursday, April 4

At 6:49 p.m., police received a complaint of a tractor trailer truck stuck on the median at the Route 2 and Parkway intersection. On arrival, the truck was gone. A call was placed to MDOT to advise them of the broken stop sign.

Friday, April 5

At 2:20 p.m., police responded to the Intervale Road for a report of smoke. On arrival it was found an unpermitted burn was taking place. Rick Savage, 37, was summonsed for the offense.

Saturday, April 6

At 11:04 a.m., the officer on patrol noticed smoke coming from an area on Walkers Mills Road. The officer checked with the property owner, who produced a valid burn permit.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summon, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

CORRECTION

CHARGE WAS IN ERROR—A charge of operating after suspension against Collette Blood was dropped after an error was found in the Department of Motor Vehicle computer system.

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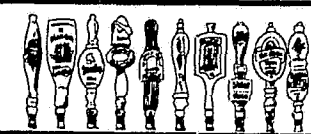
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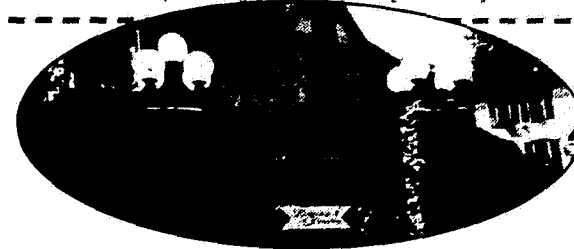
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Dowsing

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was there, but he plugged the vein up with the blasting."

Johnson uses a Y-shaped stick for a dowsing rod. This is the traditional tool, though many dowsers use other things, including pendulums and wire rods.

"You have to use a stick that doesn't break," Johnson said. "Hazelnut works best, but alder, willow and apple work too. Evergreens don't work."

She cut a branch from the lilac bush beside her house, shearing off all the side branches until she had a "Y" covered with nubs.

"We'll see if lilac works," she said. She held the dowsing rod out in front of her, the "Y" upside down. Grasping the forks the way a driving instructor teaches students to place their hands on the steering wheel of a car, Johnson then twisted her wrists, turning her palms toward the ground.

The dowsing rod bent with tension, the point straight up toward the sky. It was spring loaded with magic, ready for Johnson's mystical search for water.

"Now, I know there's a vein of water running right here," she said, pointing out where it flowed under her driveway and through her yard. There was no mark on the surface to indicate its presence.

She walked along, perpendicular to the vein, holding the tension in the stick. Each time she crossed the line she'd mapped out, the stick

would bend down with one step and pop back up with the next.

It was magic or snake oil, shaman-wisdom or sham. It was something outside the sane world of precision tools and digital interfaces. Yet dowsing is a skill that, for generations, people have revered.

'As far as she knows the wells she's located are still flowing strongly.'

Johnson said she doesn't charge for dowsing, other than gas money if she has to travel. But courtesy requires some kind of payment.

"I accept what people offer," she said. "I've gotten maple syrup, whisky, you name it."

Now, with age creeping up on her, she limits her dowsing to flat land that's relatively cleared. The days of looking for water in steep hillsides covered with pucker brush are behind her.

Johnson has hopes that one of her grandchildren will follow in her footsteps as a water witch. But until they test it out, she won't know.

"It's weird, when you stop and think of it. Why would it work with me and not somebody else? It's crazy, really."

But it does appear to work. As far as she knows, the wells she's located are still flowing strongly.

Anyone interested in finding out more about dowsing or finding a dowsing, can contact the American Society for Dowsers, located in Danville, Vt. The society has an interesting Web site, www.dowsers.org. The site addresses many other applications for dowsing, including looking for minerals, ley lines (mystical lines of power running through the earth,) and finding lost items.

For those who are skeptical of such supernatural arts, The Skeptic's Dictionary, www.skepdic.com has an informative section on the scientific research into dowsing that's been done. The Web site carefully refutes much of the research as unscientific; claiming the dowsing's luck with finding water is no better than chance.

I was skeptical. Johnson handed me the rod. "You try."

Nothing happened.

"Here," she said, "hold my hands." Together, we walked across the yard. The stick bent down, though I didn't feel a muscle in my hand twitch.

"Now you try again. Go slowly."

I tried again, slowly. First I felt the pull, then the stick bent down, of its own accord. With another step, it bobbed back up again.

I was stunned.

"See, I charged you," she chortled, her face breaking into an easy smile.

Tuckerman

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In addition, early afternoon shadows can quickly turn soft corn snow into hard, icy snow pack. U.S. Forest Service snow rangers who patrol the ravine urge skiers to descend below the ravine's headwall before those shadows fall. The ravine loses direct sun behind surrounding peaks around 2:30 p.m. Skiers and hikers heading up to Tuckerman Ravine are advised to stop at the AMC's Pinkham Notch Visitor Center at the trailhead in Pinkham Notch to check weather conditions and U.S. Forest Service avalanche predictions before heading up the trail.

"Our experienced staff has the latest information on skiing and trail conditions, and we post weather reports and U.S. Forest Service avalanche bulletins daily," said Rob Burbank, AMC public affairs director. "A day on the mountain can be a lot of fun, but there are dangers, and skiers and hikers really need to be prepared for changing weather and variable terrain," he noted.

The ravine is located in the White Mountain National Forest on the shoulder of 6,288-foot Mt. Washington, the tallest mountain in the Northeast. This backcountry ski area is managed by the Forest Service. It is undeveloped and has no ski lifts, no snowmaking capability, and no grooming. Skiers reach the ravine by carrying their skis and hiking up a 2.4-mile footpath. The climb up the ravine's headwall is even more rugged.

The steep pitch of Tuckerman Ravine is legendary, and the three-hour climb to reach the bowl serves as a test of one's dedication to ski the most challenging terrain in the East.

Many are tempted by the challenge of skiing Tuckerman Ravine, but its steep slopes — which can reach a pitch of 55 degrees — and narrow runs, are best suited for expert skiers. Reaching the steep ski runs requires mountaineering skill, and climbers may need to use winter mountaineering equipment, such as crampons and an ice ax.

Skiers rarely attempt the challenging ravine before late March, due to frequent avalanche danger in the winter months.

The mountain is home to some of the world's harshest and most unpredictable weather. The highest wind ever recorded on the surface of the Earth — an incredible 231 miles per hour — was recorded by workers in the Mount Washington

'Sunny skies can be replaced by heavy overcast, fog, snow, rain, or bitterly cold winds in a matter of minutes.'

Observatory on the summit in 1934.

Aside from the steepness of the terrain, other potential dangers in the ravine of which visitors should be aware include:

Falling ice. Warming spring temperatures and strengthening sunshine combine to weaken layers of ice that cling to the ravine's ledges in winter. It is not uncommon for car-sized chunks of ice to break away from the top of the ravine and hurtle into the bowl below. Skiers and others in the ravine must be aware of the danger of falling ice and be alert to get out of its way.

Severe weather. Weather in the ravine is unpredictable. Due to Mt. Washington's location in the midst of three major storm tracks, sunny skies can be replaced by heavy overcast, fog, snow, rain, or bitterly cold winds in a matter of minutes.

There is no shelter in Tuckerman Ravine, and visitors should be equipped with rain gear and several layers of warm, winter clothing made of wool or synthetic fibers. Cotton should not be worn because it dries slowly and steals heat from the body when wet with perspiration.

Winter hiking boots should be worn to hike to the ravine. Ski boots are inappropriate for hiking.

Hikers and skiers should also carry snacks and plenty of water. The AMC recommends that hikers and skiers consume from two to four quarts of water per day.

Avalanche. Avalanches are frequent on Tuckerman Ravine's steep, windswept slopes. Skiers should check the USFS avalanche reports posted at the AMC's Pinkham Notch Visitor Center and at the Hermit Lake caretaker's cabin before heading into the ravine. Forest Service snow rangers are stationed in the ravine to provide information on snow conditions, avalanche danger, and other hazards.

Along with the snow rangers, members of the Mt. Washington

Volunteer Ski Patrol, and AMC staff are good sources of safety information.

Avalanches are most common during or immediately following a snowstorm. Skiers should heed posted avalanche warnings, and should check for avalanche hazards in areas where conditions may not be posted.

Avalanches can be deadly. After 30 minutes, a person buried in an avalanche has less than a 50 percent chance of survival.

Open crevasses. Melting snow can cause deep crevasses to open up. Skiers should stay clear of them.

Undermined snow. Water running beneath the snow weakens it and it can give way. Skiers should be alert for areas that may be prone to such undermining.

Sunburn. Because the highly reflective snow in the ravine increases the risk of sunburn, skiers should wear sunscreen.

The Forest Service prohibits camping in the Cutler River Drainage, which includes Tuckerman Ravine and the land between N.H. Route 16 and the summit of Mt. Washington. Overnight shelter is available at the Hermit Lake Shelters, located at the base of the ravine.

The AMC operates these rustic lean-tos, which can accommodate up to 86 overnight guests. Visitors must provide their own food, cook stoves, and sleeping bags. The rate is \$8 per person per night. Tickets must be purchased at the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For White Mountain weather reports and information on avalanche conditions, call AMC at (603) 466-2721, or the U.S. Forest Service Androscoggin Ranger District at (603) 466-2713, or check the Web at www.tuckerman.org.

With more than 93,000 members in the Northeast and beyond, the Appalachian Mountain Club promotes natural resource conservation through responsible recreation, based on the philosophy that successful long-term conservation depends upon firsthand enjoyment of the natural environment.

Founded in 1876, the nonprofit Appalachian Mountain Club is the oldest conservation and recreation organization in the United States. The AMC's programs and facilities are open to members and nonmembers alike.

ASC

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backed group collapsed.

Residents who have been at odds with ASC, the resort's owner, for three years say they still doubt the financially strapped company will be able to spend money to keep the mountain competitive, risking the heritage of Steamboat Springs, nicknamed Ski Town USA.

"Everyone's in a state of shock because we've all been planning for some new beginnings and new lifeblood here," City Council President Kathy Connell said following ASC's March 26 announcement that it was calling off the sale of Steamboat to the owners of Vermont's Okemo Resort — backed by mainly Steamboat investors. That group was just about to sit down to close the \$91.4 million deal to buy Steamboat when the news came through.

Jim Larson, one of about 24 investors behind the proposed Steamboat sale, said ASC will have to use most of the money raised by the Heavenly sale to deal with its nearly \$400 million debt.

As a result, Larson said Steamboat, famous for its champagne powder and Olympic-caliber skiers, could fall behind other destinations, without needed capital improvements like lifts and new restaurants.

An editorial in the local newspaper, Steamboat Pilot & Today, painted the situation in bleak terms: "ASC's problems are again Steamboat's problems. CEO B.J. Fair says ASC has no plans to offer Steamboat to another buyer. Like it or not, it appears we're stuck with each other. For Steamboat, that's not a very comforting thought."

"No doubt ASC will try to mend fences with the community. But the company's past performance and

current condition don't lead us to have much optimism that its efforts will be successful."

ASC spokesman Erick Preusse acknowledged the company has made some mistakes and said some capital projects would be planned after the company dealt with its debt restructuring. He refused to provide specifics.

ASC, which was delisted from the New York Stock Exchange earlier this month, has been struggling under a heavy debt load and has never returned an annual profit since going public in November 1997. In addition to Steamboat, Sunday River and Sugarloaf/USA, the company also owns Killington and Mount Snow in Vermont, Attitash Bear Peak in New Hampshire and The Canyons in Utah.

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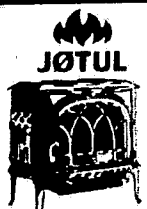
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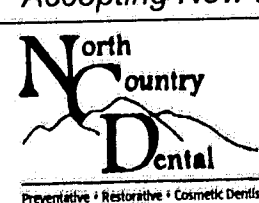
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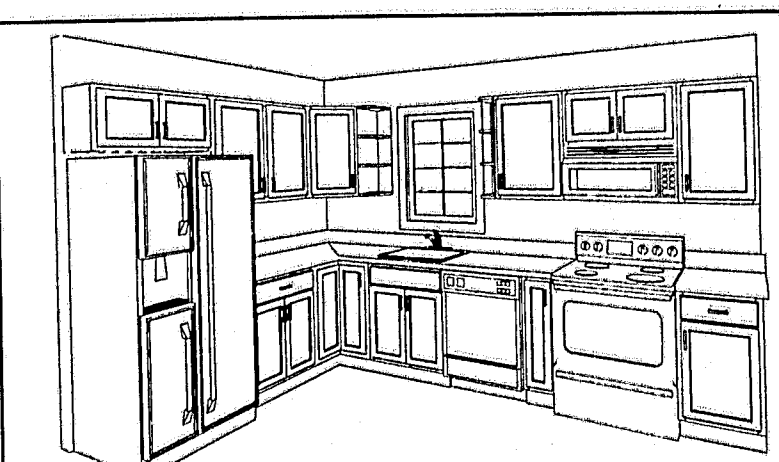
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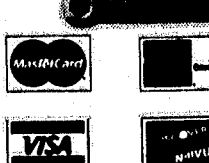
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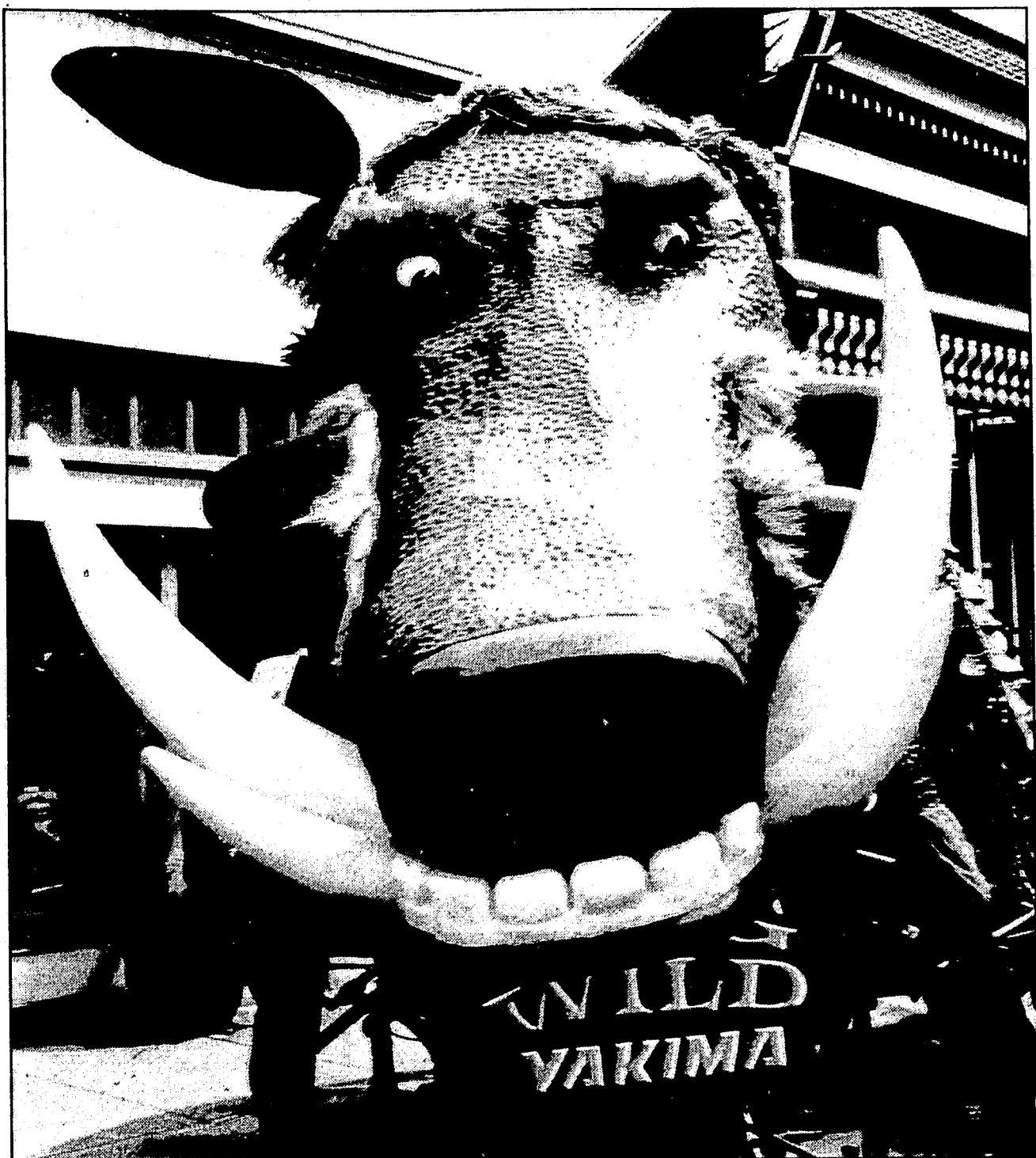
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Competition
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NEVER BOARING—An entry from the Ferndale World Championship Sculpture Race in California. (Photo by Matthew Filar)

Tallest Snowman fame, was one who picked up on it. He's in charge of the nuts and bolts organizing for the competition.

"The sculpture race idea was just 'off the wall' enough to make me remember the fun we had building the big snowman," he said. "It's been a few years since then, so I guess I was ready to try something zany again."

'I think once the word gets out we'll have plenty of mountain people thinking of ways to clean up the yard and join the party.'

JIM SYSKO

What's the appeal of this particular project? "It's a chance for people to get creative, be competitive, and use up some junk all at the same time," said Sysko. "I think once the word gets out we'll have plenty of mountain people thinking of ways to clean up the yard and join the party."

The competition is billed strictly as a "fun-raiser" rather than a money-raising event.

Sysko and the other organizers have laid out a list of criteria for the sculptures: human-powered, by pushing, pedaling or pulling; must incorporate wheels, legs or other means of movement (no floats or pre-manufactured wheeled vehicles); newly-created (no pre-existing sculptures) and raced by individuals or teams; dimension limits of 13 feet, six inches high and eight feet, six inches wide; and no advertising allowed.

Sculpture races in other parts of the country often incorporate an aquatic component. Those creations include pontoons as well as means for land travel. Sysko is already thinking amphibious for future Bethel competitions.

"If this is successful, in the future maybe we can have part of the race on the river down by the bike path," he said. "The new recreational bridge would make a great viewing spot."

More information and registration forms for this year's sculpture competition can be found at www.midsummerfestival.org or by calling 824-3246 or 824-3170.

Jeff Mills named to VP post at Univ. of Maine



JEFFERY N. MILLS, Ph.D.

Bryant Pond native Jeffery N. Mills, Ph.D., a 1982 graduate of the University of Maine who later served in the Maine Legislature, has been named vice president for University Advancement at his alma mater.

Mills, president/CEO of the University of Maine Alumni Association, will lead the University of Maine's advancement efforts through its office of development, departments of public affairs and marketing, and the Alumni Association. He will retain his role in the Alumni Association and will continue as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Public Administration.

ship provides UMaine with a strong and essential team of advancement professionals and staff," Hoff said. "Dr. Mills' willingness to accept this position offers UMaine new opportunities to reach, inform, and serve the public, our alumni and other friends and supporters."

"The university faces many opportunities for growth. I am very pleased to be asked to serve my alma mater and our state's flagship university in fulfilling its mission," said Mills. "I appreciate the support I have received from the various university constituencies and look forward to the challenges ahead."

Under Mills' leadership, the UMaine Alumni Association has, along with its partners at the University of Maine Foundation, recently completed the most successful private fundraising effort ever at UMaine, for Buchanan Alumni House. Mills credits the success of the project to the coordination and leadership of both organizations and the support the project received from alumni and friends nationwide. "Future projects at the University of Maine will benefit from our experience with Buchanan Alumni House," said Mills. A ribbon cutting to open that new facility is scheduled for May 31.

Prior to his return to Maine in 1997, Mills received master's and doctoral degrees from Arizona State University, where he also worked for the vice president of advancement and later became the

'Mills served nine years in the Maine Legislature, including one term as a state senator.'

"I am delighted that Dr. Mills has agreed to accept this important assignment. Under his leadership, all elements of this new unit will be brought together to create a strategic plan for the advancement of the University of Maine," said UMaine President Peter S. Hoff. "He will be responsible for implementing a comprehensive and integrated advancement program designed to broaden the university's base of support in the areas of fundraising, public relations, state and federal relations and with opinion leaders in and outside of Maine."

"The new structure and leader-

assistant director of the alumni association. He serves on the national board of college and university alumni directors.

Mills was president of Student Government during his senior year at UMaine. Mills served nine years in the Maine Legislature, including one term as a state senator. While in the state senate, he served as chair of the Legal Affairs Committee.

He lives in Orono with his wife, Tammy, director of Reading Recovery at the Lewis Libby School in Milford, and their children, Olivia, 11 and Robbie, 6.

Solstice

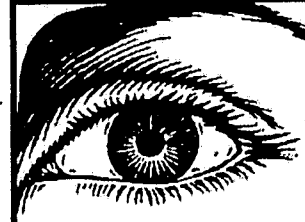
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Activities there will include: minstrels and revelry; picnicking; arts and crafts (wildflower garland and wreath-making, mandala-making, nature crafts, a drumming circle, costume decoration and facepainting); "Midsummer Birch," a tradi-

tional maypole-like dance for children; a Midsummer Dance created by the "Art Moves" dance group; a processional around the meadow; readings from Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," by the

Gray-Cabey family; and string quartet and classical piano performances by the same family.

The schedule of events for the June 21 festival can be found at www.midsummerfestival.org.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department of this newspaper.

I read an article in the newspaper the other day that NASA is pleading for a few billion (that's right - billion) dollars for part of the Freedom Space Station. That's in addition too the proposed budget of \$69 billion for the space station. I say, hold on, put the aerobikes on; things are getting out of hand.

That, of course, for NASA is nothing new. A few years ago they spent \$23 million of taxpayer's dollars for a toilet for a space shuttle. Now, that's a lot of crap. I know \$23 million is a drop in the pot in the overall scheme of things and to not spend it would do very little to reduce national debt. However, I know a few school districts and towns that would be in seventh heaven if they had a windfall of \$23 million. Heck, only \$1 million windfall would make my life a whole lot easier.

With all the people in this country barely eking out a living and not a pot to call their own, it's hard to understand why the government was willing to spend \$23 million on a toilet that is only used once in awhile. And just how long before NASA wants to put in two toilets on each shuttle? That's a lot of money to make sure astronauts can do their business in comfort when there are elderly people who have to decide between prescriptions and food. Lot of comfort there!

I have, I will admit, been a longtime critic of NASA's excessive spending. It's not that I'm against space exploration; after all, it has given us Teflon and Tang. But it seems to me that some of the billions that we are pumping into the cosmos could be better spent here on earth.

Remember the billions we spent on the Hubble Space Telescope? That was the gigantic orbiting magnifying glass that didn't work for a very long time and I'm not so

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sure it works properly even now. At that time this country had a \$4 trillion (that's right - trillion) national debt. What exactly do we scope with this darn thing. What are we learning from it that will benefit the kids we can no longer afford to educate? Will the Hubble rubble help to lower my fuel and electric bills? I don't think so.

Maybe that \$200 million Tracking and Data Relay Satellite released into the heavens a few years ago will track economic recovery data and relay it back to President Bush, but I have my doubts about that. It could be the \$69 billion Freedom Space Station will be the salvation of us all, but I wouldn't place any bets on that one just yet.

Since I have seen so little on the benefits of the entire space program, I can't really say what value there is or isn't in financing it. There must be something of importance to be gained for the last 55 or so shuttle missions considering that they cost about \$1 million a second just to get them off the ground. NASA is probably just waiting for the right time to tell us about it. Or is it all just pie in the sky hopes?

Perhaps I'm being a bit too critical of NASA, but \$69 billion space stations, \$9 billion for spare parts for the station and \$23 million toilets do make me wince. What did the astronauts do about the bathroom before they had the golden throne? Wouldn't a good

supply of Depends be a cheaper alternative? Where do they dump the holding tank and is that really acid rain assauling the atmosphere?

I'm sure that designing intergalactic plumbing is no easy chore, but I can't imagine that it cost that much. I think somebody is full of it. It's time to flush out the facts and find out where all that money is going. Or for that matter, why we are spending it at all!

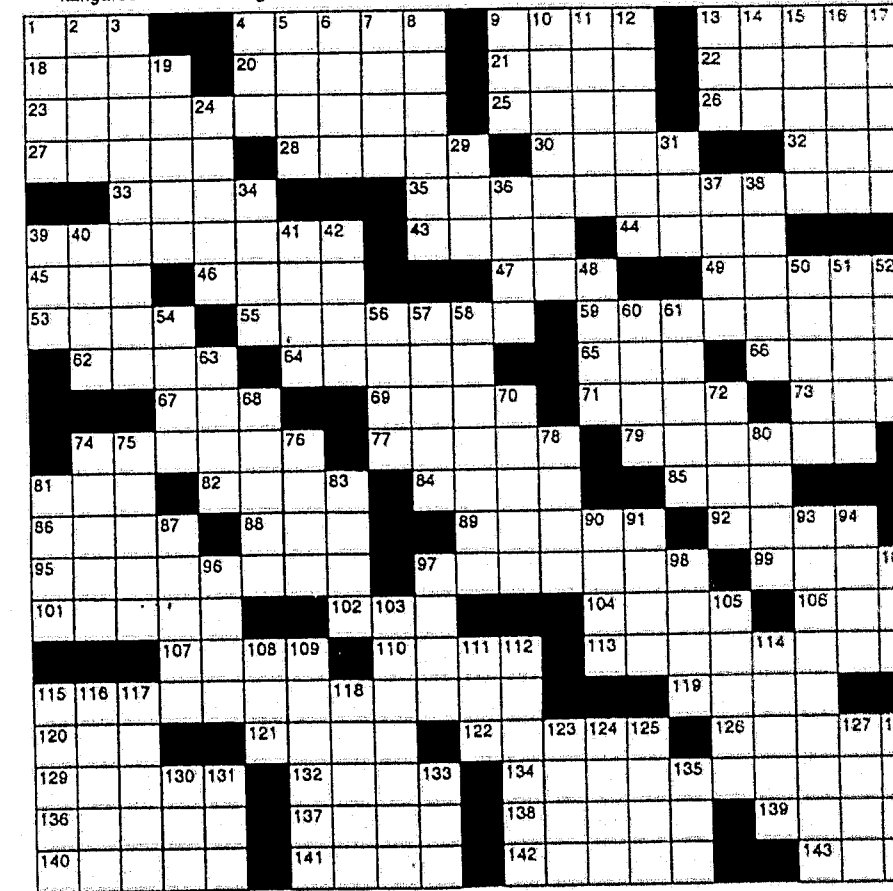
It seems to me that rather than pour our hard-earned dollars down the drain we would be better served if we had those brilliant scientific minds working on resolving some of our more earthly problems. Surely some of those aerospace engineers with IQs that are off the charts could design a gasoline engine that would get 100 miles to the gallon, or an energy source that is cheap and non-polluting. Some of the most gifted scientists, engineers and doctors in the country combine their collective brilliance to make it possible for a handful of astronauts to walk in space, so why can't these same great minds be used to figure out how I can eat hot fudge sundaes and never gain a pound?

I would much rather see my tax dollars spent educating our children so they in turn will have the right stuff to keep America strong. By spending millions on space age toilets we could be flushing the future of this country right down the crapper. I think NASA should just put a cork in it for a while and when all is well with the world, then they can think about the universe. That would certainly be one giant step for mankind.

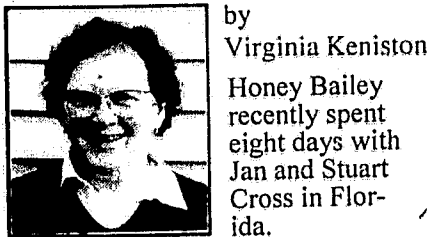
The poet E.E. Cummings once wrote, "There's a hell of a universe next door - let's go." Why not, the way I see it, we probably paid for it.

Super Crossword

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 - 9 Pinza or Challapin
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 - 16 Aroma
 - 20 Jeopardy
 - 21 Vivacity
 - 22 Writer
 - 23 Start of a remark?
 - 25 Parisian pronoun
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 - 46 Plunder
 - 47 They may be personal
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 - 65 Mongrel
 - 66 Roger Rabbit, for one
 - 67 "Fool" singer, Chris
 - 69 Sailed through
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 - 164 Incongruous
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 - 170 Promote
 - 171 Type of roast
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Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Honey Bailey recently spent eight days with Jan and Stuart Cross in Florida.

Ken and Gwyneth Bohr visited their oldest daughter, Gretchen Courage, and family in Great Barrington, Mass., for Easter Weekend. Their middle daughter, Katy and family came for Easter dinner.

Laurie and Bob Hickey of Millis, Mass., were weekend guests of her mother, Musa Brown.

Lauren Brooks, daughter of Doug and Susan Brooks of Fairfield, was first violin with the Mid-Maine Youth Orchestra in its 18th season, 2001-2002. Grandparents Don and Eleanor Brooks and Frank and Janie Vogt attended the orchestra's final concert of the year recently in Nordica Auditorium, University of Maine at Farmington.

The United Methodist Women met Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Church. Musa Brown gave a book report, "Prince of Peace" by Isabella Alden.

Hope Tibbetts will undergo hip surgery on Tuesday at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway.

It is a beautiful walk on the path along the Androscoggin River, but when are they going to remove the unsightly black plastic?

The Mahoosuc Music Makers Spring Band Concert last Sunday at the West Parish Congregational Church was reported to be exceptionally good.

Cross Country Quilters will travel to Auburn on Tuesday for a class with Sue Biddle at Quiltessentials.

The White Mountain National Forest invites area children to help the earth by joining in a morning of litter cleanup in the forest. Bring an adult and a snack, dress for the weather and wear your sturdy play shoes. Get your litter bags, gloves and special Earth Day buttons at 10 a.m. at the Evans Notch Ranger Station on Mayville Road. Learn to reduce, reuse and recycle on April 20.

Friday, April 5, Town & Country Mobile Home Village community room, Norway, saw six tables of duplicate bridge.

Winners north/south were: first, Robert and Sue Crane; second, Grace and Luke Merry. East/west winners were: first, Mac and Lorraine Taylor; second, Howard and Virginia Cole. Join this group on any Friday at 9 a.m. A partner is guaranteed. For more information, call Rowena Palmer at 743-2882 or Mimi Bell at 743-8081.

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Sunday River Valley



by Rockie Graham

It's winter/summer/winter/summer. Sounds like spring in Maine. Seriously, I like the variety of weather, but I wouldn't mind a little more warmth occasionally. Not too much, mind you, but a little. I'd especially like it to arrive during April vacation. That way I can spend lots of outdoor time and not freeze. I guess I'll have to wait and see what comes.

The coming of daylight savings time gave vent to some amusing comments Monday morning. Students came in and whined that they were tired because they lost an hour's sleep. They seemed oblivious to the fact that we all lost an hour's worth of sleep and it had been Saturday night not Sunday night that we lost it. Oh well, teenagers.

I've been noticing that there have been several articles and news stories lately about the disrespectfulness and outright rudeness of teens. The ones that I work with are definitely not exceptions. They carry rudeness and disrespect to a high art. I do not believe that they even understand what respect is. They disrespect themselves, each other, their parents, their teachers and anyone else they come in contact with. They couple it with a nastiness that is beyond the call of duty. But after all, they are teenagers. Perhaps they'll learn a thing or two.

It appears that I was mistaken about the pole, paddle and paw. I couldn't find it anywhere. Perhaps I had the date wrong, or it happened without any fanfare. In any case,

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the Bust and Burn did happen and the mountain was hoppin'.

Alas, the rain last week didn't help the snow and more is expected, although not in any large quantities. We sure do need it, so I won't complain about it.

I do not think I'll get to hit the gym during vacation week. Perhaps within the next month or so, I sure hope so. I am tired of not being able to do anything except walk. I shall see. Each day at a time, I guess.

That's all for this week. Have a good week, enjoy what sun there is and if you are lucky enough to be on vacation next week, have a good time.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

Herb Adams recently returned home from the Winter Olympics at Salt Lake City.

While there, Herb was a volunteer official and helped with the events that all the rest of us watched on television. He said it was very interesting and he is glad he went.

The Hanover Planning Board met Wednesday, April 3, at the Town Office. The three members present approved the Site Plan Review Application for the relocation of the store and office for Stony Brook Recreation from Powell Place to Main Street, into a building that was formerly a residence. The next planning board meeting is scheduled for May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Town Office.

A reminder — the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program will have the second meeting on Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m. at the Hanover Town Office. It is hoped that those who came last time will come again and that more folks will show up. You do not need to be a Hanover resident to attend. State Trooper James Nolan will further explain

the program and he will answer questions that may arise.

The former Knights of Pythias Hall on Main Street is undergoing an internal "make over." Duke and Debi Dupont have been working most of their spare time to spruce up the old building with a lot of paint, lumber and sweat. Soon, an antique shop will open at the 2074 Main Street location.

We have heard of only one Easter dinner to report on and that was an event we attended. It was put on by Bill and Gail Worcester and it was a huge success. Besides Bill and Gail, it was enjoyed by Daran, Louise, David, Brian and Clem, all Worcesters. We understand that later in the day a second feeding was also a big hit.

The Hanover Superintending School Committee at a recent meeting appointed Clem Worcester to another three-year term as the Hanover representative to the Region 9 School of Applied Technology. He has held that position for the past seven years. The school is located in Mexico and serves secondary and adult students in towns and school districts in the northern part of Oxford County.

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East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Alder River Grange will have a regular meeting on April 12 at Stanley Howe's home on Broad Street with a 6 p.m. soup and 7 p.m. meeting. After this meeting, we will be back at the hall.

Several people in the neighborhood are seeing turkeys. Also, raking has begun, as the small amount of snow we had has gone.

Nancy Kimball's hand is coming

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Oddfellow Theater will present bluegrass band Northern Lights on Saturday, April 20, at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Northern Lights starts with the sound that first came from the Kentucky hills and mixes in a bit of western swing, blues, folk, jazz, cajun, even classical. "We like to think we're following in the footsteps of Bill Monroe, who didn't hesitate to fuse different kinds of music into what became traditional bluegrass," mandolinist Taylor Armerding says. The band has recorded nine albums, including Three August Nights, a live CD with Nashville legendary fiddler Vassar Clements. Three of their CDs reached the top 10 of Bluegrass Unlimited's National Bluegrass Survey. Major concert and festival appearances have included the Newport Folk Festival, American Folklife Center, Barns of Wolf Trap, Strawberry Music Festival, Walnut Valley Festival, Smithsonian Institute, and Winnipeg Folk Festival. Tickets are available by calling the Oddfellow Theater at 336-3306, Visa and MasterCard accepted. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Showtime is 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Oddfellow Theater is located on Route 117 in Buckfield Village next to Tilton's Market. For more information on upcoming shows, or to join the mailing list, call the above number or go to the Web site www.earlyeveningshow.com.

along very well. She begins physical therapy on it this week. The other hand won't be done until fall at the earliest.

Judy Smith of Bucksport visited Arlene Harrington on April 6 and 7.

Have a nice week. God Bless America.

Mason Township



by Richard Grover

Travels with Snuffy and Mona (continued): On April 1, we separated from

Craig and Jane, leaving them headed to Texas, while we visited friends in Bella Vista, Ark., for a few hours. My friend, Vic Hartzler, restores old pump organs as a hobby. He showed us his collection of about 15 beautifully restored organs, originally built between the 1860s and the 1940s, his newest. His current project is a very large, old organ, completely dismantled and filling his two-car garage shop. Leaving there shortly after lunch, we trucked on through some of the Ozark Mountains to a KOA campground at Colbert, Okla., near the Texas state line. There, we rejoined Craig and Jane and traveled with them until we reached San Antonio, Texas, the next afternoon, where we again separated.

They went to a KOA, planning to spend a few days before returning to Dallas for a Busch series NASCAR race, while we crossed town to visit another old Air Force buddy.

Next day, we headed west to Del Rio, Texas, on the Rio Grande River. The further west we drove, the more "desert" and sparsely settled it became. By Del Rio, the tallest things visible between the highway and the distant mountains were the fence-posts, cacti and power poles. A brief stop at the Mexican border cost us \$2 for park-

ing, \$12 for a taxi ride across the Rio Grande and \$2 to cross the bridge to Ciudad Acuna on the Mexican side, a typical small Mexican border town. We "checked out" a few tourist trap shops, bought a couple do-dads and a pint size bottle of pure vanilla (\$2.67 American). Then we walked back across the bridge to Del Rio, paying only a 50-cent bridge toll.

From there, we spent the entire afternoon driving northwest to Marathon, Texas, paralleling a railroad all the way. In that entire time and distance, we saw only one train.

At Marathon, we stayed at a campground "in progress," atop a rise in the desert "gravelscapes" overlooking the highway and railroad. You guessed it. Beginning about sunset, the heavy freight trains began rumbling by, seemingly every half hour all night, every one emitting a couple long blasts of the whistle as they went by.

The 69-mile trip south from Marathon to Big Bend National Park revealed a little more desert vegetation, including lots of prickly pear cacti and creosote bushes, about the height of the fence posts. There were also numerous buzzards, (actually turkey vultures), along the way, either sitting atop fence posts or congregating in numbers along the road, probably cleaning up the remains of some kind of road kill. In contrast, when we exited the park, heading northwest, it was so much dryer and more desolate, we saw nary a buzzard, nor any other living critters that I remember.

Big Bend is very much desert and large, with quite contrasting terrain. The central part of the park contains a "circle of mountains with elevations above 7,000 feet in places. These Chisos Mountains enclose a campground in a valley at about 5,500 feet elevation. This is where we spent one night, after our truck labored up several 15 percent grades in first gear at 15 miles per hour. The Chisos contain a small forest of trees

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and vegetation normally found several hundred miles to the north. They also normally contain mountain lions and black bears. We were told that the past year has been so dry that the bears have been forced to migrate southward into Mexico in order to find enough vegetation. The cougars remain, subsisting on the javalina, a small species of wild pig that still thrives there.

On a side trip to Rio Grande Village and campground on the banks of the river (still within Big Bend), we found the temperature probably about 80 degrees. We also found the river to be small and shallow enough that people were wading across in water below their knees.

Across the Rio Grande lies the tiny Mexican village of Bosquillas. For a fee you can ferry across the river and take burro rides into the surrounding mountains in Mexico. We noted, from a distance, that the "ferry" resembled a rowboat more than what we normally think of being a ferry. I was also enthralled by the many ocotillo cacti blooming in the deserts near the Rio Grande. I have seen ocotillo cacti in southern California, but never such a profusion of these starkly beautiful plants.

Upon leaving the west side of Big Bend N.P., we took the "road less traveled," paralleling the Rio Grande on a paved but very winding and hilly road upstream to Presidio, Texas. Surprisingly, Presidio is a prosperous appearing town of 4,000 residents, in contrast to the half abandoned villages and ghost towns we passed along the way. (To be continued)

Upton



by Eleanor LeComte

The snow is gradually moving back exposing some open grassy areas. The grass

is in pretty bad shape, but it looks good to me. Every day several robins visit the open spots and do manage to scour up a worm or two. It is still fairly cold up here in Upton but every day gives promise of the "Spring" that is long overdue. The deer are still coming in but will leave for the deep woods soon. Their fur is becoming ratty as they begin to molt. Large clumps of hair are on the ground. Any green shoot emerging from the ground is in jeopardy of being devoured. Sunday, we thought the deer were an hour late in arriving for dinner. Wrong. It was now Daylight Savings Time and the deer don't set their clocks ahead. The sun is their clock.

Saturday, Sylvia Gray and Ellie LeComte attended a seminar at Bowdoin College, representing the Scenic Byway Committee. There were several excellent presentations and it was well worth the trip. The topic was "Where the Pavement Ends."

Larry and Sue Nelson have returned to the real world after spending a week in Orlando, Fla. Molly, the dog, spent the week with us and I became acquainted with every dog in town while walking her.

The "Bird Scene" in Upton changed over the past week. A noisy flock of snow geese landed in the river. A pair of brown creepers ran up and down the spruce tree. Blackbirds of every sort made jungle-like noises in the trees. The cardinal is nowhere to be seen.

We offer our sympathy to Evelyn Kenney on the death of her brother, Walter Webster.

The Ladies Aid again met at Debbie Judkins' home on Tuesday for their weekly "get together."

Although spring is becoming more evident, the lake is still frozen over. Last week, Eduardo and Debbie had a great run on cross-country skis, uplake from the public landing. The ice is beginning to deteriorate but "ice out" is still not going to happen very soon.

The first chipmunk showed up on Easter Sunday at Al Gagnon's. They are about a week late showing up this year.

The Snow Goose is the "Bird of the Week." This elusive, beautiful bird seldom shows up in this area of the lake. When they do make an appearance it is noisy and spectacular. Several years ago a huge flock landed at Etta Sweett's field in Millsfield. They stayed for about a week drawing quite a crowd of "Bird Gawkers." When they arrived here last week the weather was "drismal" with hanging dark clouds and rain. They must have made a detour here before joining the huge flock that flies over Quebec. This beautiful bird is smaller than the domestic goose. It is pure white with black wing tips. It has a pink bill with black lips. (I didn't know birds had lips.) Their legs are pink and young birds have dark bills and are mottled with brown-gray feathers. It's voice is high pitched and sounds like a barking dog. Their breeding ground is in the Arctic Tundra and their winters are spent in salt marshes and our coastal bays. Some spend the winter in freshwater marshes adjacent to grain fields. Snow Geese migrate

great distances and fly so high that they can barely be seen with the naked eye. Their stop in Upton was brief. Hunters call them Wavies, which is a distortion of the Chipewewa name Wewe. On occasion a blue goose is seen with the flock and these are increasing in numbers. It is always a happy feeling to see the geese fly north. The promise of warm, balmy days lingers in your mind.

North Newry



by Gil Seeley

Did you spring forward Sunday morning?

"How troublesome is the day. It calls us from our sleep away. It bids us from our pleasant dreams awake, and sends us forth to keep or break our promises today. How troublesome is the day?"

But it's not all that bad, is it? I for one, love to feel the quietness of the morning, the shy quick breeze that fans across the misty hills and makes mysterious promise for the day ... I love the sounds of morning-call of cardinal and wren, the gallant cock's shrill bugle crow, and underneath pervading all the vibrant, constant insect hum. I love the look of morning, the dew-washed waking fields, the trees with gently shivering leaves that part to let a blue bird pass, and mists that swirl, caressing all. Yes, I love it all.

John and Nancy Wight have returned from a week's vacation visiting relatives and friends in Chulota, Daytona and Jacksonville, Fla.

Mandy Berry was home from Boca Raton, Fla., for a few days recently to take part in the wedding of Angie Buker and Jason Rosenberg.

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

We just get a bit of warm weather and boom, back comes the cold

air. I saw the first pair of mallards yesterday. I have no idea where they go to stay warm, but hopefully they do.

I hope everyone had a nice Easter. My son, Ralph Mills, came Friday evening from Colchester, Vt., for the weekend. He brought one of his old computers and set it up on the desk in the living room.

Saturday, we went to Norway to get a surge protector and a new breaker for the hot water circuit in the breaker box. Ralph put that in for us, so now we have hot water again. I spent the evening making pies, as Andy and I were going to Lewiston to spend Easter with his family at Ellie and Fred Peterson's. Ralph went to West Greenwood and had Easter dinner with his aunt, Carolyn Colby, and family while we were in Lewiston. We all had a good time at our respective places. At Ellie's there were Fritz and Norma Peterson, Dick and Kathy Perron, Steve and Sharon Rubin, Kenneth Peterson, Debbie Perron, Allie Rubin and several of the Perron and Peterson boys whose names I can never keep straight. After the dinner most everyone went to Steve Peterson's for dessert with the rest of the local clan. Those from California and Pennsylvania are coming in August for Fritz's 100th birthday bash.

Owen and Debbie Brown are going out of town to a church retreat the week of the 8th, so the town will be without a beauty parlor and barbershop for a week. Since I used to have to go to West

Bethel I shouldn't mind the shop being closed for a week, but somehow now I'm used to being able to go any time I want, a week seems a long time. Have fun, folks, but hurry back — no I shouldn't say that — I am not advocating accidents or speeding tickets — but know you will be welcomed when you get here.

I am getting very frustrated with this computer. I have done everything that I shouldn't because I keep getting these messages that say I have made two errors that have not been corrected. Then I got a "fatal" message. Ralph was able to get me out of that one but if I get on the Net or Web or whatever they call it, I can't use the phone to have him talk me through it so I have to muddle through on my own. Then there is the problem of not being able to type into a strip that the computer says I should type into. I get an icon, so I figure I should be able to but I can't always. There is this information highway out there that should be available to me, but it doesn't do me much good if I can't reach it. So I am reduced to playing Tetris which would help improve my hand-eye coordination if I could get above 20 points — and that's another story.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday evening, April 1, with 12 members and three state officers as guests. It was youth and juniors night. It was voted to let the Daughters of Union Veterans use the dining room for their sale on May 18. The sick members were reported on. The

Rumford Community Concert

The Rumford Community Concert Association will present James Lent, pianist at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, at Muskie Auditorium, Mt. Valley High School, Rumford.

Lent's orchestral appearances include the Vancouver Symphony, the Houston Symphony, the Shanghai Philharmonic, and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, among others. He was a fellowship recipient at the Aspen Music Festival, the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, the Sarasota Music Festival, and the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, Calif.

One reviewer said, "To say that Lent's interpretation of the most successful wedding of classical and jazz was sensational would be a gross understatement. He displayed fantastic adeptness on the keyboard. He was so good that he received that rare accolade from a Pops audience, a demand for an encore, which consisted of more Gershwin."

Lent is a native of Houston, Texas, where he attended the Houston High School for the Performing and Visual Arts and the University of Houston. He received his Doctor of Music Arts degree at Yale University School of Music in the spring of 2001. He currently resides in New York City.

A representative of the Rumford Community Concerts Association will be available at this concert to assist anyone who would like information on how to join.

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guest officer, Steven Haycock, served as lecturer and he presented the program; song by all, "April Showers"; opening thought by Steven; reading by Vicki Huff, state director of youth, called "April Fools' Day"; "Happy Birthday" was sung to all with April birthdays, quiz by Steven; a game of Wheel of Fortune was played with two groups of four, it was a lot of fun; poem called "The Easter Promise" written by Bertha Benoit and read by Lucille Robbins; Vicki Huff spoke about things coming up for youth and juniors; reading by Norma Merserve, another state officer, called "Only in America." The next meeting will be Open House and Community Service Award night. This meeting is open to the public and starts at 7 p.m. Closing thought was "This is My Country." Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Patch the Pirate Club meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Church, same time as prayer meeting. Sunday services are Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. April 16 is the quarterly business meeting.

Ralph Hoyt is home and recovering from heart surgery. He wants to

thank everyone for their prayers, cards and acts of kindness.

The final week of Woodstock Elementary School calendar winners are Jordan Davidson, \$50; Amy Farnum, \$25; Iona Farrar, \$25; Norma Foster, \$25 and Lisa Henderson, \$100.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Stanley Andrews.

Easter dinner guests of Barbara Hathaway were Michael and Penny Hathaway, Madison, N.H.; Brian Hathaway, Bretton Woods, N.H.; Marc, Brenda and Carter LaForce, Rollinsford, N.H.; Brian and Linda Stowell, West Bethel; Rachel Stowell, Sanford; Bruce and Susan Glines, West Paris; Gilman and Elizabeth Whitman, North Edgecomb. Brian Hathaway was a guest of his grandmother from Friday to Sunday.

Beatrice Farnum, Alice and Ken Hoyt, Beth, Steve and Marybeth Hoover, JoAnn, David, Ray and Shawn Crockett and friend Jessica, Robert and Gwenn Hoyt joined a family gathering on Easter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Chase. A total of 26 were present.

New Woodstock-Greenwood Waste hours are noted as Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Woodstock Extension will meet on April 17 at the Town Conference Room at 1 p.m. with a tasting party. Program will be on memory enhancement and inheritance by Wendy Legg Pollock.

Franklin Grange 124 will be having a Hee-Haw show on April 20 at the Grange Hall.

The Senior Farmshare, sponsored by the state, will offer \$100 worth of produce to anyone 60 years or older, low income and a Maine resident. An applicant may sign up at Korhonen's Market and Bakery on Route 232, Bryant Pond. Farmshares are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline for signing up is April 20.

Curator Larry Billings has given the Historical Society recordings of Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms and Mahler, most major composers are represented. He has also donated a play, "Pygmalion" by George Bernard Shaw, and a large volume on George Washington. The society needs biographies of famous people in its library.

The Historical Society has been built up over a long period of time and offers the public the best it can. You will enjoy its comfortable atmosphere. It is not pretentious but has fine offerings everyone can enjoy. It has interesting things you might not expect, like uniforms, vintage dresses, jewelry, postcards, decorative tins, posters and so forth, quilts made locally by organizations, glass and china, some quite rare. You never know what you will find. They have plans for useful exhibits, activities and programs for the public. After 20 years they know what to emphasize. They also have to enjoy things

themselves or there would be little sense working so hard for the organization. There are rewards for dedication to a group but they are usually private and personal rather than obvious things like money or awards.

The Historical Society has received information from Michael Stowell on the genealogy of the Littlefield family.

South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing

Kenny Pulsifer was hurt in a fall and then suffered a stroke. A benefit supper will

be held April 13 at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills. Supper is at 5:30 p.m. and dance is from 8 p.m. to midnight with the Rockin' Road Runners Band. Tickets for the supper are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Dance tickets are \$16 per couple or \$9 per single. Supper will be casseroles, baked beans, rolls, coleslaw and home-made pies. For more information, call Doreen Wilbur (Kenny's sister) at 674-2346. Tickets for the supper and dance are also available at the door.

A birthday party celebrating Zachary Lynch's third birthday was held at his Grammie's home in South Paris. A "Bob the Builder" cake was served along with ice cream. Those attending were Mom Sarah and Dad Phil, Kellie and Brad Record, Richard and Andrea

Wing, Leatrice and Ed Record, Shane and Artemis Record, Jessie Hart, Sandy Wyman and Sierra, Linsey Record, Jennie Record, Carol Hall and Olivia and of course guest of honor, Zack. Many presents were received.

Carol Hall is working at Gardiner Savings Bank.

Joe Pete and Laurene paid us a visit one afternoon recently. We hadn't seen them for quite a while and were glad to have them come.

A wonderful surprise 80th birthday party was held March 23 at the Weatherlane Restaurant in Portland for Phyllis Lowe. It was an extra special occasion as Phyllis's daughter, Janice Speen and granddaughter, Susan, came from Virginia. Phyllis hadn't seen her daughter and granddaughter for 16 years. Also, Allen Lowe and Janice (brother and sister) had not seen each other in 23 years. A birthday cake and gifts were presented. Those attending were Allen Lowe, Wells; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lowe and Tyler; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rogers and Cathy Walker all from Freeport; Donna Daye, West Paris; Janice Speen and Susan, Virginia; Thelma Medeiros, Massachusetts; Donald Clifford, Dixfield; Diane Bryant, Windham; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Danforth, Lewiston; Hazel Cole, Greenwood and Patty Thurlow, South Woodstock. Unable to attend were Leora Farrington and Maxine Bean.

On Tuesday of the same week, Phyllis had a new granddaughter born to Karen and Paul Lowe, named Kayla.

Much sympathy to the family and friends of Stan Andrews, who

passed away this past week. Our thoughts are with you all.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?"

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

Spring weather comes for a day but winter refuses to let go. Spring rains have been very

helpful. The heavy rain all day Wednesday was good for the wells but the driving was difficult in the evening after dark.

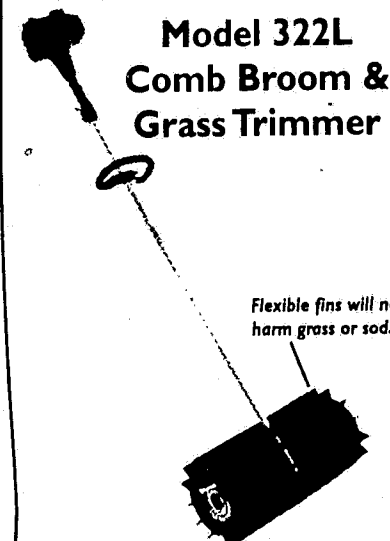
Great-grandson Joshua Hyssong, two and a half years old, is at the Maine Medical Center in Portland where he had a brain tumor removed last week in a six-hour surgery. He was recovering well and starting to eat but needed a second surgery. So on Wednesday he had a three-and-a-half-hour surgery. All went well again and he should go home in a week. His parents, Nina McLaughlin Hyssong and Rob Hyssong have been living with him at the new pediatric Barbara Bush wing. What a beautiful and well-planned unit. The care has been excellent for the patient and his family. Parents can sleep in and have use of a refrigerator, microwave, showers and even a washer and dryer. Their friends and co-workers have organized and are bringing them in meals each day. Several prayer chains have been set in motion also. All of the family

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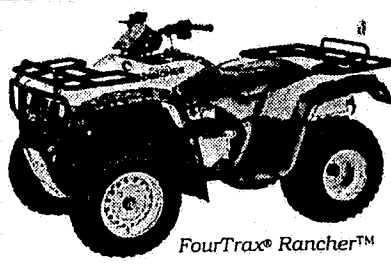
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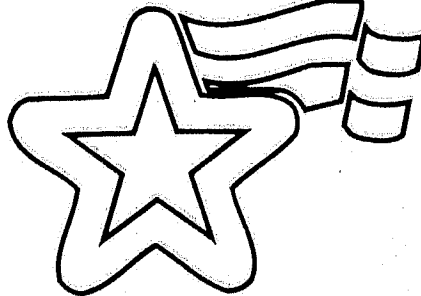
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has been supportive. Sixteen were there for the first surgery. For the second surgery grandmother, Jude Lamb, and two great-grandmothers, Florence McLaughlin and Joyce Lamb, went again to support the parents. Nina's twin sisters were there with their babies to keep us entertained.

A large room with a skylight is the center of the wards. Children and parents are walking around pushing IV poles. Toys and books are everywhere, as well as a large library of videos, for each room has a TV. If one's child needs a hospital stay this is the place to be.

Joseph Perham will be the guest speaker at the Universalist Church on Sunday, April 14. His topic will be "Sight and Insight." Jim Burke is organist.

The Universalist Church board will meet at the home of Marta Clements on Tuesday, the 16th, at 7 p.m. A rummage and food sale by the Goodwill Fellowship will be held on Saturday, April 20, starting at 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Rummage items may be left at the church on Thursday, the 18th, from 1 to 4 p.m. while the craft ladies are working on their quilt.

Harlan Stanley (Stan) Andrews, 88, of Bryant Pond died on April 1. Visiting hours were held at the Andrews Funeral Home Wednesday evening. His funeral was held at the West Paris Universalist Church followed by burial at the Wayside Cemetery in West Paris on Thursday.

Joyce Lamb accompanied Beverly Stevens and Flora Thayer to Maine Medical Center on Friday. Joyce visited her great-grandson, Joshua, and found him improving. He is eating well and will be able to return home when the drains are out and he is allowed to sit up and be out of bed.

With the warmer weather, Buffy is shedding and matting. The mats have to be peeled off. He will then be partially naked.

West Paris



by Bertina DeHaas
Happy Birthday greetings go out to Phyllis Lowe and Doris Waterhouse.

On March 23, Phyllis Lowe was surprised completely at a Birthday Party in honor of her 80th birthday. This party was given by her family and friends at the Weatherlane Restaurant in South Portland. Those attending were: Allen Lowe of Wells; Janice and Susan Steen of Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lowe and Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rogers and Kathy Walker, all of Freeport; Donna Daye of West Paris; Hazel Cole of Greenwood; Thelma Medeiros of Massachusetts; Donald Clifford of Dixfield; Mrs. Diane Bryant of Windham; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Danforth of Lewiston; Patty Thurlow of Woodstock. Unable to attend were Leora Farrington of Greenwood and Maxine Bean of Norway. Gifts, cards and a birthday cake were received with many thanks.

Deanna L. Waterhouse of South Paris has been accepted for the fall semester at the University of Vermont in Burlington. Congratulations, Deanna. She is the granddaughter of Pastor Lloyd and Doris Waterhouse of West Paris.

On Sunday, March 24, Deanna and friend Brandon Hodgdon, along with the Waterhouse family members, attended a birthday luncheon for Doris Waterhouse, held at the Village Inn in Auburn. A wonderful time for all.

Hope Phyllis, on the 23rd, and Doris (actually on the 26th) had super happy birthdays.

On Saturday, April 13, there will be a Supper/Dance to benefit Kenny Pulsifer. He has another massive blood clot on the brain that

needs to be operated on. The supper is 5:30 p.m. (\$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids 12 and under). The dance is 8 p.m. to midnight (\$16 per couple and \$9 for singles). For more information, call Dorene Wilbur at 674-2346.

Saturday, April 21, there will be a "Singspiration" (musical program) at the North Paris Federated Church at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 26, Diane Muise will present one of her most beautiful concerts at 7 p.m. at the West Paris Baptist Church.

Thank you all for the beautiful cards, flowers, phone calls, visits, and most of all, prayers.

Master Richard G. Felt of Franklin Grange 124, Bryant Pond, announces the events for Grange Week, April 14 through April 20. Sunday, April 14 will be Grange Go to Church Sunday at the West Paris Baptist Church at 9:15 a.m. On Monday, April 15, Franklin Grange will hold their annual Grange Community Service Open House program with Leon and Rosalie Poland receiving the Community Citizen Award at 7 p.m. On Saturday, April 20, Franklin Grange will wind up the week with a Variety Show at their hall.

Founded in 1867, the Grange was the first fraternal farm organization in the country. Today it is also recognized as the number one rural family organization in America. There are nearly 300,000 members in 3,400 local and subordinate ranges in 37 of our 50 states.

Franklin Grange was organized on March 11, 1876. The members began seriously thinking about building their own hall in 1890.

They were gifted with \$500 and built a 32x72 foot foundation on Aug. 24, 1891. They appointed Benjamin Davis as head carpenter and all pitched in to do the building of the hall. It was finished and dedicated on Aug. 31, 1892. In the summer of 1893, the piazza was added to the front and side of the

hall.

Master Earl Andrews of West Paris Grange 298 announces the events for West Paris Grange for Grange Week: Sunday, April 14, the week will begin with Grange Go to Church Sunday service at the West Paris Baptist Church at 9:15 a.m. In the middle of the week, on Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m., the Grange will hold their annual Community Service Night Open House program with this year's Community Citizen Award going to Don and Michelle Marois of West Paris.

West Paris Grange 298 was organized on March 18, 1888. There were 27 charter members that first met in Dunham Hall, which later became the Finnish Congregational Church. They paid \$25 per year for rent. They held Grange Go to Church Sunday even back then. They purchased land and built a farm store in 1891. In 1896, they sold this store at Trap Corner for \$125. West Paris Grange incorporated in 1904 and members voted in 1906 to build a new hall. Our current hall was finished and dedicated in 1909.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson

Hi readers. April showers bring Mayflowers. That's what we need, but not just for flowers, but for in the ground.

Shirley Grant from Mechanic Falls spent Easter weekend with Frances Grant.

Albert and Carole Nelson had us for Easter dinner on Sunday. Troy Nelson and Dale and Kitty, Molly and Matthew were there also. Also, Eric Nelson and Erin Specht from Jay were there. There were 11 of us

and it was a good meal, good company and a good day.

On April 3, Wednesday, Frances Grant and I attended the Friendly Senior Citizens of Waterford. Marjorie Kimball opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and gave the treasurer's report. A memorial donation was made in memory of a deceased member. Marge Nihan gave an excellent secretary's report. Lunch was served about 12 noon which was enjoyed by those present. The ladies and Mr. Nihan did a great job in preparing and serving it. Afterward, Marjorie Kimball played the piano and Marge Nihan led everyone in singing old-time favorite songs. She also read a few health tips on how to combat stress, etc. There were 50-50 tickets sold at the door.

Highlight of the day was the brown bag auction. Marge Nihan was the auctioneer and she peeked in the bags and gave a couple of clues and people bid on them, not knowing what was in the bags. This was a fun thing and people did well at bidding for what they didn't know until they got it. It was quite a good fundraiser and most articles were well worth their bid.

There will be a benefit supper at the Lovell VFW Hall for Kenneth and Rita Knox on Saturday, April 13. Their home burned recently. Time of supper is 5 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Menu will be beans, casseroles, salads, rolls, pies and beverages.

Josh Jones has a new truck. Smelts are running at Mutiny Brook in South Waterford.

There was a good attendance at the Easter Sunrise Service at Keoka Lake, where Stoneham and Waterford people met. Also, about 50 were at the breakfast that followed at the North Waterford Church vestry. Regular 10 a.m. service was at Stoneham and will be there for the month of April and May. It's good to see so many out to the services.

I forgot to mention last week that we got a nice surprise phone call from our son-in-law, Paul Barnard, one evening. He was in Portland, where he had flown a plane of passengers from Chicago. There were 49 passengers on flight. He flies for United Express, which is with Allstate Coast Line. He was quite excited to do his first flight to Portland. He has been training for a long time and studying hard and passed all his tests and he loves his work very much.

Albany



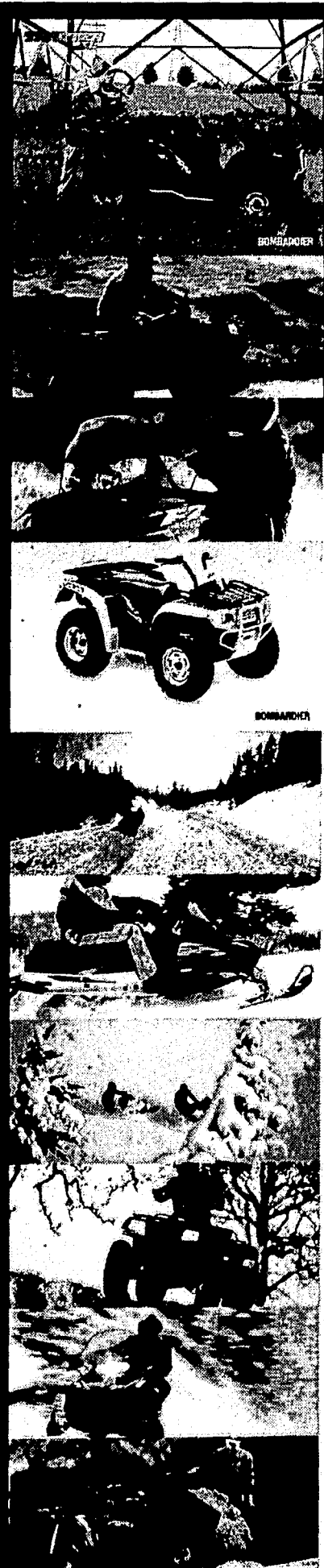
by Dana & Sheila Dyke

What a treat it was to see the Telstar Middle School Drama Club perform their skits. Last Monday evening, the public was invited to watch them exhibit stage talents. The props were very effective and the stories told were fun and imaginative. The entire performance was so well done that the audience had no problem sitting back and just letting the play happen to them — none of the nervous tension from silly mistakes made or forgotten lines. Truly a job well done.

Thursday evening's Bible Study group was a little more subdued than usual, as many members were feeling a bit under the weather, in some cases more than just a bit. Here's hoping cold and flu season ends soon. We are now studying Genesis. Friday, the Youth Group started learning the next set of songs for Sunday singing.

Saturday afternoon, the church field was full of Boy Scouts camping out. I have not talked with any of them, but I'm guessing it was a cool night, as they were all packed and on the road at first light. It was nice to see so many young people

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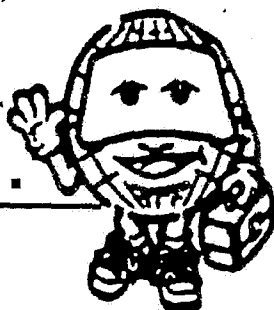
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having a good time.

Saturday was also a day of celebration for Samantha Corriveau; her sixth Birthday Party was a huge hit with kids. Balloons, candy, treats and great big smiles filled the day. Happy Birthday to you Sam.

Sunday afternoon, many of Albany's children went to see the movie "Ice Age." They could not stop talking about the show. Thanks to Pam for taking them. She then drove my family down to Grace Fellowship Church where Sheila was asked to sing. And sing she did, most beautifully, with the voice of an angel.

Bible Study will be held at Fernand and Holli's home Thursday evening at 6:30. Please come and join in. Sunday service starts at 9:30 a.m. This week, Sheila will be singing for us and the Lord. We have plenty of room for all. Sunday School starts at 9 a.m. and childcare for the little ones is available during church services.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Nominations for the 2002 Bethel Historical Society Preservation Award are being sought by the society's Historic Preservation Committee. The award is designed to recognize an outstanding effort of stewardship of a historical property or site in the region served by the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center. The following criteria may be used in the selection process: 1) age (50 years or more), 2) historical integrity, 3) visual appropriateness, 4) historical adaptive re-use, 5) special considerations. Nominations should be received prior to April 25. The award will be presented in May during National Historic Preservation week. All work on projects to be considered for recognition should be substantially complete in the judgment of the committee. The award, consisting of a certificate of commendation and the name(s) of the recipient(s) shall be engraved on a plaque on permanent exhibition at the historical society headquarters. Members of the Preservation Committee include: Ken Bohr, chair (824-2913), Sally Taylor (824-3170), Kathy Hooke (824-3641), Mary Valentine (824-3235), and Walter Hatch (824-3560). Any

of the above may be contacted for suggestions or call the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

Another issue of the society's quarterly will be published soon. Anyone wishing a complimentary issue should contact the society at the numbers above or write P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217 or e-mail: info@bethelhistorical.org

Over a thousand members strong, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations. For over thirty-five years, the society's activities have included lectures, exhibits, special events, heritage festivals, workshops, conferences, school and educational programs, and publications. Since 1974, the society has operated from its Broad Street headquarters, the Dr. Moses Mason House, a period house museum and research library. In 1999, it opened the O'Neil Robinson House (next door) to the public for an expanded exhibit program, museum shop space and administrative offices. Through the years, the society's achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

From the

Western Mountains Alliance

The Western Mountains Alliance has announced the appointment of Susan Hammond, Linda MacGregor, Becky Davis-Allen, and Stephen Wight to its board of directors.

"The four new members represent and reflect the diversity of our 12,000 square mile region; they bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in working for the betterment of the region," said Debbie Burd, executive director. "I look forward to tapping their energies and expertise."

Wight of Newry is co-owner of the Sunday River Inn with his wife. He currently serves as chair of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and on the board of the Mahoosic Land Trust and the Maine Nordic Ski Council.

Hammond of Bangor is the executive director of the Four Directions Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization which har-

nesses resources to meet the needs of the four Maine tribes: Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot. She is a member of the Penobscot Indian Nation Tribal Council.

MacGregor of Rumford Center currently serves on the Maine Arts Commission and the River Valley Healthy Community Coalition and is the author of "Rumford Stories." She previously served as project director of the Rumford Bicentennial Oral History Project.

Davis-Allen of Chesterville has worked in banking for more than 10 years; she is currently the branch manager of the Bangor Savings Bank in Madison. She also serves as president of the Madison-Anson Chamber of Commerce. She owns an auction business with her husband in New Sharon.

Established in 1988, the Western Mountains Alliance is dedicated to strengthening the regional identity of the western mountain regions of Maine. It works to build the capacity of the rural communities in Oxford, Franklin, Somerset and Piscataquis and Northern Androscoggin counties to solve their problems and create a future that honors the region's natural beauty, historic and natural heritage, and rural values. Among its many activities is the sponsorship of the Rural Development Institute, the King Cummings Award, and the Mountain Counties Tent at the Maine Festival. Among its many collaborative projects is the Western Maine Legislative Caucus; among the many projects it has helped get underway is M.B. T.V., a community-based public access cable TV station and Rural Schools for Equity. WMA is a doer, linker, incubator, and facilitator.

NOW News

Project NOW has been busy. Over 100 community members registered for the 12-week self-tracking exercise program. Good luck to all of you and just keep moving.

Smoking Cessation class is beginning again. Classes will be held at Rumford Hospital starting Tuesday, April 2, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending can call the number below. Also, if any past smoker wishes to help others "Kick the Habit" and would like to be trained to be a class facilitator, Project NOW is looking at offering another "free" training.

Kudos go to Brianna Elliot and

Jessica Mayo at Peru Elementary for their efforts at educating their peers on the dangers of tobacco. Jessica and Brianna recently displayed a Wall of Shame at their school that brings an awareness of just how manipulating tobacco ads can be. Jessica and Brianna are two of 16 students that attended a Camp Kieve training back in November.

March 8 was our tri-district staff Wellness Workshop Day. The districts of SAD44, SAD21, and Peru attended the daylong event held at the Summit Hotel at Sunday River Ski Resort. The day was a huge success with an opening from long-time educational speaker Murray Banks. Break-out sessions followed on various health/wellness topics, and the afternoon was spent enjoying recreational activities offered to all participants of the workshop.

Project NOW stands for Northern Oxford Wellness and is funded through the Healthy Maine Partnership fund. This organization is based out of Rumford as part of River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition. Project NOW's purpose is to educate others on the topics of tobacco, physical fitness, and good nutrition. The surrounding areas benefiting from these grant monies are those towns in SAD21, SAD43, SAD44, and Peru. If anyone has any questions or comments, please call RVHCC at 364-7408 Monday-Friday or e-mail at rvhcc@gwi.net.

Notes from

SAD44 Adult Ed

Cathy Newell, SAD44 Adult Education director, received an Outstanding Leadership Award from the Maine Department of Education on March 29 at the Adult Education Directors' spring meeting. The award was presented by Rebecca Dyer, acting state director of the Adult Education Division in recognition of the contributions the recipient has made to the field of adult education during her tenure in SAD44. Newell is leaving her position at the end of the school year to become the executive director of the Maine Adult Education Association.

More Spring Courses

Pottery — Learn the techniques to make successful hand-built, slab or wheel thrown pieces. Bring your own agenda or follow assignments with Monica Magee of Earth and Fire Pottery. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 22 to May 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$30

plus a materials fee of \$20.

Quilting Computer Design — A demonstration of EQ4 software by Doreen Johnson. This program designs quilts using block and fabric libraries, changes colors, number and size of blocks and border widths, prints stencils, yardage charts and more. Monday, May 6, 7 to 9 p.m. at Telstar. The fee is \$5.

Stained Glass — Robin Fraser, talented glassworker and veteran adult education teacher, is back with a class for all levels at Telstar on Mondays for six weeks starting April 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$30. No lab fee for those who bring all tools, glass and supplies. The lab fee of \$20 will include use of tools, supplies, and kit for the first class; after that, students purchase own glass depending on their project.

Basic Sewing — Getting to know your sewing machine plus the basics of sewing in a class with Judy Foster covering all aspects of the successful operation of your machine and work on projects of your choice. Sewing is making a comeback from crafts to kids' clothes — get in on the fun. Telstar on Tuesdays, starting April 23, six weeks, 6:30-9 p.m. The fee is \$30.

Making a Living Wreath: At Pooh Corner Farm, Tuesday, April 30, 6 p.m. Using wreath frame, moss, potting soil, pansies and alyssum. The fee is \$38. Call 836-FARM to sign up.

Gardening Workshops — Lois Berg Stack of the Extension Service will offer two workshops on Saturday, May 11, at Pooh Corner. She will discuss tools and techniques at 10 a.m., and Flower Garden Design with annuals at 11 a.m. Free.

Container Planting — A fun workshop at Pooh Corner, creating wonders for your porch, yard or patio. Wednesday, June 5, 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$10 plus plants. Call 836-FARM to sign up.

On Dreams & Dreaming — Come and explore the gift of dream, what it means and how in understanding our dreams we can know ourselves more fully. Marie DiSciullo, PhD, a registered counselor in Maine, will lead a class based on the work of Jung, a pioneer in dream research. A six-week class on Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Telstar, starting April 23. The fee is \$30.

Espanol en Vida — Have you never studied Spanish but always wanted to start? Remember a little from school? Take that step and begin or continue the study of

Spanish. Brendan Mulhall will teach the fundamentals as well as topics of particular interest to the class, i.e. Spanish for travel. Six weeks, Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Telstar, starting April 24. The fee is \$30.

The Art of Tea-ism — Simple things endure and thrive for centuries; tea being one of them. Tea-master Brendan Mulhall, potter Gabriel Kline and culinary anthropologist Cathi diCocco will host an evening to explore the aestheticism of tea as drink and a way. Thursday, May 23, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cafe diCocco in Bethel. The fee is \$5.

Badminton — Spirited coed competition at Crescent Park School ongoing Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 9 p.m. New players are welcome. Dirk MacKnight is the coordinator. The fee is \$5 for the season.

Water Aerobics — Monday/Wednesday/Friday mornings at the Bethel Inn, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. with Louisa Abarno. Call 875-2065 for details and sign-up.

Step Aerobics — Step is back. Low impact, high intensity workout. Tuesdays/Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., six weeks, starting April 23 at Telstar Weight Room with Louisa Abarno. The fee is \$30.

Pilates — Effective for all body types; a kinder, gentler workout, based on a systematic and progressive approach of controlled fluid movement, precision, elongation and breathing. Telstar Weight Room with Louisa Abarno on Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6:45-8 p.m. starting April 23. Six weeks. The fee is \$30.

Open Weight Room — Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m. at Telstar. Those with workout programs may work independently during Pilates class. Six weeks starting April 23 for \$30. Sign-up is required.

Morning Exercise — For seniors and others, a routine for flexibility, strength and aerobic benefit, even getting in shape for golf, with Nancy Willard at the Learning Center. Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., starting April 23 for six weeks. The fee is \$25.

Yoga — Classes are offered at the Adult Learning Center by Karen Swanson and others. Those interested may call 743-3296 for schedule and details.

To register for any SAD44 Adult Education class, call 824-2780.

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ROCK CLIMBERS COMPETE

The BIG Adventure Center Indoor Rock Climbing Team, shown here, took part in a competition Saturday at the White Mountain School in Bethlehem, N.H. Results were: Zack Martin, third; Charles Parsons, fourth; Jenna Mawhinney, fourth; Leah Mawhinney, fourth; Jan Siekman, fifth; Alex Gundersen, sixth; Seana Siekman, eighth; Andrew Gundersen, eighth; Molly Keane, 10th; and Evan Boelsma, 10th.

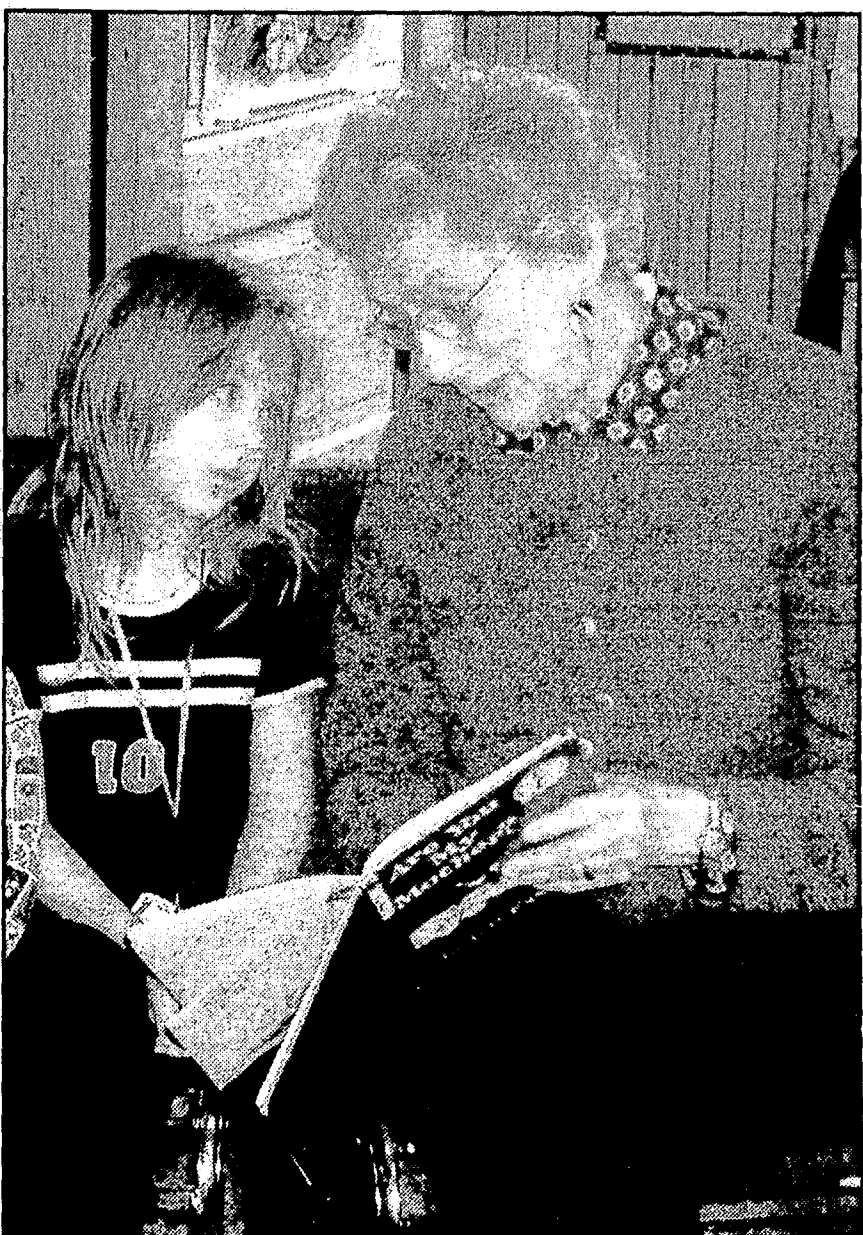
School Sports

High School Boys' Track

Meet at Hebron Academy, April 9: Telstar 102, Hebron 34--Telstar scorers: David Ojeda, first in shot and discus; Scott Withey, first in long jump, second in long jump, third in triple jump and discus; Alex Helms, first in 100 and 200, third in long jump; Fred Bailey, first in 800, 1,600, and 3,200; Joe Reynolds, first in 400, third in 1,600; Jared Howe, first in high jump, second in 100, third in 200; Adam Tanguay, second in shot and discus, third in javelin; Joel Doyon, second in long jump and javelin, third in shot; Glenn Carver, second in 400; Mark Tanguay, second in 110 and 300 hurdles, third in high jump; Bryan Wilson, second in 800; Mike Hoy, second in 200, 3rd in 100; Matt Mills, third in 800; Ojeda, Howe, Helms, and Hoy, first in 4 x 100 relay; Carver, Reynolds, Angevine, and Best, first in 4 x 400 relay.

High School Girls' Track

Meet at Hebron Academy, April 9: Telstar 78, Hebron 57--Telstar scorers: Katie Wight, first in 100, 200, 400, and discus; Anna Willard, first in 800, 1,600, and 3,200; Angie Farnum, first in 300 hurdles, second in 100 hurdles and shot; Brenda Hurd, second in triple and long jump, third in javelin; Heather Zimmerman, second in 800, 1,600, and 3,200; Megan Bailey, second in 200, third in 400; Fran Hardy, third in discus; Nola Wentworth, third in 300 hurdles; Farnum, Bailey, Hurd, and Farrington, first in 4 x 100 relay; Wentworth, Farrington, Bailey, Raymond, first in 4 x 400 relay. Wight's discus throw of 101 feet, 4 inches sets a new school record.



BEST BUDDIES—Area seniors are volunteering their time once a week in the "Book Buddies" program at the West Bethel Children's Center. The pre-schoolers and their buddies enjoy breakfast together, then settle in for some reading. Here, Carol Hatch reads to an attentive Cheyenne Gannon. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

ROMAN COMEDY
The Reader's Theater Troupe, under the direction of Susan Clement Farrar, recently presented "Rinse the Blood off my Toga," a Shakespeare comedy. The following parts were played by actors: Marty Donovan, Flavius Maximus, Private Eye; Jonathan Parsons, Brutus; Tamara Isham, Calpurnia, Brutus' wife; Josh Oliver, Antony and Soldier and Siberius; Julia Rynlander, Flavius' secretary and Soldier; Lisa Ojeda, Claudius and Soldier. Reader's Theater is a reading program promoting acting with expression, correct enunciation, pronunciation and projection.



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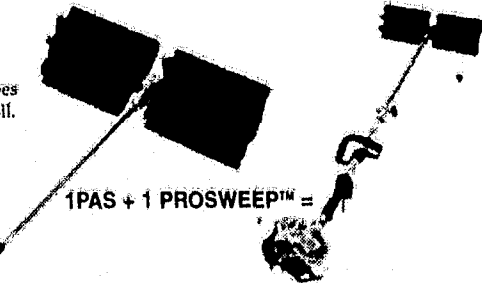
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(3)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Ottawa Senators						News	WWF Smackdown!		
(32)	Videos	Videos	Movie: "Baby's Day Out"				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Will-Grace	Just Shoot	ER	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Whose?	Be a Millionaire		Primetime Thursday	News		
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(34)	Mad TV	Mad TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: "American Ninja"				Star Trek: Next Gener.		
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Marquesas	CSI: Crime Scn			Agency	News		
(41)	NBA Action	Last Word	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Best Damn Sports Show Period			
(15)	Movie: "The Butcher's Wife" Cont'd		Movie: "Miss Congeniality"				On Record	Real Sex: Let It		
(17)	Movie: "Double Teamed"		Movie: "My Date With the President's Daughter"				Movie: "Still Not Quite Human"			
(18)	"The Art of War" Cont'd	Movie: "The Tailor of Panama"					Movie: "Assassins"			
(20)	Major League Baseball: Royals at Red Sox		Innings	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews		
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "Homecoming"				Golden	Golden		
(5)	Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies						Movie: "Back to the Future"			
(24)	Hey Arnold! Rugrats	Spongeb	Ginger	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family	
(25)	Backstory	Screen	Movie: "Rio Bravo"				Movie: "Rio Bravo"			
(26)	JAG		Golf: The Masters -- First Round				JAG	JAG		
(27)	The View		Movie: "The Magnificent Ambersons"					Law & Order		
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "No Holds Barred"				News	In the Heat of the Night		
(39)	Crossfire		Live From... The Point	Larry King Live			Newsnight	Crossfire	Moneyline	

FRIDAY EVENING APRIL 12, 2002										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	Movie: "Just Cause"				News	Ent. Tonight	5th Wheel	Shipmates
(32)	Videos	Videos	State	State	Alias		Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Providence		Dateline		Law & Order	News		
(8)	Minor League Baseball: Binghamton at Portland		Ford's Theatre		20/20		News			
(10)	News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	Wall St.	Keeping Up	One Foot	Darling Buds of May	Charlie Rose		
(22)	Sportsctr.	Baseball	Major League Baseball: Houston Astros at St. Louis Cardinals					Sportscenter		
(34)	Mad TV	Mad TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.			
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Fighter Pilot	First Monday			48 Hours	News		
(41)	Sports	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Boston Celtics					Postgame	Best Damn Sports Show Period		
(15)	Movie: "Feds" Cont'd		Movie: "Lethal Weapon"				Movie: "Lone Hero"	Dennis M.		
(17)	Proud	Lizzie	Movie: "Curly Sue"				Movie: "Stepister From Planet Weird"			
(18)	"Bait"	Movie: "Fight Club"					Movie: "Joe Dirt"			
(20)	Major League Baseball: Yankees at Red Sox		Innings	Front Row -- Profiles			ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "Survive the Night"				Once and Again			
(5)	Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins						Movie: "The Mask"			
(24)	Hey Arnold! Rugrats	Spongeb	Chalk Zone	Oddparents	Invader Zim	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	
(25)	Three Stooges	Movie: "Heavy"				Cinema	"Creature From the Black Lagoon"			
(26)	JAG		Golf: The Masters -- Second Round				"Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome"			
(27)	The View		Movie: "Shackleton"				Movie: "Shackleton"			
(12)	Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates						News	In the Heat of the Night		
(39)	Crossfire		Stories	The Point	Larry King Live		Newsnight	Crossfire	Moneyline	

SATURDAY EVENING APRIL 13, 2002										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "American Heart"				Entertainment Tonight	Nash Bridges		
(32)	State	State	Movie: "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"				Movie: "My Mother's Ghost"			
(6)	Maine	Seinfeld	Movie: "Rain Man"				News	Sat. Night		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Whose?	Movie: "Volcano"		News			
(10)	Studio	Opinion	Antiques Roadshow UK	Time Goes	Barbara		Now With Bill Moyers	Red Green	Red Green	
(22)	NHL Hockey: New Jersey Devils at Washington Capitals						Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter		
(34)	Rodeo: PRCA		Monster Jam		Robot Wars: Extreme		WWF Excess	WWF Excess Late Night		
(18)	Entertainment Tonight		Touched by an Angel	48 Hours			District	News	Andromeda	
(41)	Beyond the Glory		Boxing: Jhonny Gonzalez vs. Ricardo Vargas				See This	See This	Beyond the Glory	
(15)	Sister Act 2: Back		Movie: "Kingdom Come"				John Leguizamo's Sexaholic... A Love Story			
(17)	Proud	Lizzie	Movie: "The Other Me"				Movie: "Wish Upon a Star"			
(18)	"Pay It Forward" Cont'd		Movie: "Next of Kin"				Movie: "Cast Away"			
(20)	NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at Boston Bruins						Front Row -- Profiles	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	
(44)	Movie: "Titanic"						Beyond Chance			
(5)	Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins						Movie: "Major League"			
(24)	Hey Arnold! Rugrats	All That	Amanda	Taina	Nick		Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers
(25)	Movie: "Heavy" Cont'd		Movie: "The Mask"				Movie: "The Mask"			
(26)	"No Escape" Cont'd		Movie: "Waterworld"					Law & Order		
(27)	Law & Order		Behind Closed Doors		"Inspector Morse: The Way Through the Woods"		Poirot			
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Arachnophobia"				MacGyver	Fresh Pr.	"Cyborg"	
(39)	Capital Gang		CNN Presents		Larry King Weekend		CNN Saturday Night	Capital Gang		

SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 14, 2002										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Movie: "Boys" Cont'd		Movie: "Hurlyburly"				Hot Ticket	5th Wheel	Maximum Exposure	
(32)	"Our Lips Are Sealed"		Movie: "Winning London"				Movie: "The Princess Bride"			
(6)	NBA Basketball		Weakest Link		Law & Order		Law & Order	News		
(8)	Movie: "Small Soldiers"				Alias		Practice	News	Pretender	
(10)	Ballykissangel		Nature		American Experience			Mystery!		
(22)	Baseball Tonight		Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego Padres					Sportscenter		
(34)	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Fame for 15		Conspire	Ultimate	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.		
(18)	60 Minutes		Max Bickford		Movie: "The Pilot's Wife"			News	Nash	
(41)	Boxing: Sunday		Beyond the Glory		NASCAR Victory Lane		See This	See This	Beyond the Glory	
(15)	"Romancing the Stone"		Sopranos		Six Feet Under		Movie: "Southern Comfort"		Someone	
(17)	Proud	Lizzie	Movie: "Life Size"				Movie: "Treehouse Hostage"		Pepper Ann	
(18)	Perfect Sim		Movie: "Assassins"				Movie: "Road Trip"			
(20)	Sports	Marathon	Front Row -- Profiles		ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	We Were the Mulvanays		Strong Medicine		Division		Any Day Now	Women Docs		
(5)	"The Golden Child"		Movie: "Life"				Movie: "Life"			
(24)	Caillan	Ginger	Garcia	Nick News	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers	Cheers	
(25)	Charley	Backstory	Movie: "Death Hunt"				Screen	Movie: "The Far Country"		
(26)	"Red Corner" Cont'd		Movie: "The Firm"					Law & Order		
(27)	Biography		Nero Wolfe				Beyond Titanic			
(12)	Mutant X		Andromeda		Earth: Final Conflict		News	Replay	In the Heat of the Night	
(39)	CNN Presents		People in the News		Larry King Weekend		CNN Sunday Night	CNN Presents		

MONDAY EVENING APRIL 15, 2002										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	Hughleys	One	Parkers	Girlfriends	News	Ent. Tonight	5th Wheel	Shipmates
(32)	Videos	Videos	Movie: "The Princess Bride"				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Fear Factor		Third Watch		Crossing Jordan	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	America's Funniest		Bachelor		Once and Again	News		
(10)	Capitol Connection		Antiques Roadshow		Masterpiece Theatre		Becoming Van Gogh	Business	Ch. Rose	
(22)	Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at New York Mets						Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter		
(34)	Robot Wars: Extreme		Star Trek: Next Gener.		WWF Raw			Star Trek: Next Gener.		
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Yes, Dear	Baby Bob	Raymond	Becker	Family Law	News		
(41)	Tri Star	Last Word	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Minnesota Timberwolves				Postgame	Best Damn Sports Show		
(15)	Movie: "Terminal Velocity"				Band of Brothers		Movie: "Say It Isn't So"			
(17)	Movie: "Under Wraps"				Movie: "Tru Confessions"			Movie: "Star Kid"		
(18)	Broken Silence		Movie: "Cast Away"					Movie: "The Cable Guy"		
(20)	Major League Baseball: Yankees at Red Sox				ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		"A Murderous Affair: The Carolyn Warmus Story"		Golden	Golden		
(5)	Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at New York Mets						Movie: "The Quick and the Dead"			
(24)	Hey Arnold! Rugrats	Spongeb	Ginger	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family	
(25)	Three Stooges		Movie: "Romeo and Juliet"				Backstory	Movie: "Daisy Miller"		
(26)	JAG		Nash Bridges		Movie: "Invasion U.S.A."			JAG		
(27)	The View		Biography		Investigative Reports		Investigative Reports	Law & Order		
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Pacific Heights"				News	In the Heat of the Night		
(39)	Crossfire		Live From... The Point	Larry King Live			Newsnight	Crossfire	Moneyline	

TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 16, 2002										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	Buffy the Vampire Slayer	Buffy the Vampire Slayer	News		Ent. Tonight	5th Wheel	Shipmates	
(32)	Videos	Videos	Movie: "Time Share"				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Will-Grace	Ellie	Frasier	Scrubs	Dateline	News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dharma	Spin City	NYPD Blue		The Court	News		
(10)	News-Lehrer		Nova		Shape of Life			Charlie Rose		
(22)	Sportsctr.	Webber	Sports and Music Awards	Action Sports and Music Awards				Sportscenter		
(34)	Mad TV	Mad TV	Movie: "The Godfather"					Small Shots		
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	JAG		Guardian		Judging Amy	News		
(41)	See This	Last Word	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Best Damn Sports Show Period			
(15)	Movie: "Knockout"				Movie: "Kingdom Come"			Chris Rock	Six Feet Under	
(17)	Movie: "Motocrossed"				Movie: "Hounded"			Murder She Purred: A Mrs. Murphy		
(18)	Broken Silence		Movie: "Jagged Edge"				Movie: "Space Cowboys"			
(20)	Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Toronto Blue Jays						Innings	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "Wife, Mother, Murderer"			Golden	Golden	
(5)	Friends	Roseanne	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at New Jersey Nets				Inside NBA	Movie: "Hard to Kill"		
(24)	Hey Arnold! Rugrats	Spongeb	Ginger	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family	
(25)	Three Stooges		Movie: "Hello, Dolly!"					Movie: "Chisum"		
(26)	JAG		Nash Bridges		Movie: "The Delta Force"			JAG		
(27)	The View		Biography		Movie: "Small Vices"			Law & Order		
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Basic Instinct"				News	In the Heat of the Night		
(39)	Crossfire		Live From... The Point	Larry King Live			Newsnight	Crossfire	Moneyline	

WEDNESDAY EVENING APRIL 17, 2002										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	Enterprise	Wolf Lake			News	Ent. Tonight	5th Wheel	Shipmates
(32)	Videos	Videos	Movie: "Au Pair"				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Inside the Carrier Stennis	West Wing			Law & Order		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Wife	Lopez	The Job	The Job	Downtown		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Studio	True North	Commanding Heights: The Battle for the World				Charlie Rose	
(22)	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Quarterfinal Game 1 -- Teams TBA						Major League Baseball: Teams to Be Announced			
(34)	Mad TV	Mad TV	Movie: "The Godfather, Part II"							
(13)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	60 Minutes II		Amazing Race 2		48 Hours		News	
(41)	NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Boston Celtics				Postgame		Best Damn Sports Show Period			
(15)	Movie: "Someone Like You"			Sex & City		Sex & City	Six Feet Under		"Southern Comfort"	
(17)	Movie: "All Dogs Go to Heaven 2"			Movie: "P.U.N.K.S."			Movie: "Adventures in Dinosaur City"			
(18)	Broken Silence		Movie: "The Art of War"				Movie: "Cast Away"			
(20)	Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Toronto Blue Jays						Innings	ESPNews	ESPNews	ESPNews
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Murder in New Hampshire: The Pamela Smart Story				Golden	Golden
(5)	Friends	Roseanne	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		Movie: "Home Alone"				Ripley's Believe It or Not!	
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Spongeb	Ginger	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family
(25)	Three Stooges		Movie: "The Getaway"				Movie: "Rio Bravo"			
(26)	JAG		Ultimate Fights		Combat Missions				JAG	
(27)	The View		Biography		American Justice		City Confidential		Law & Order	
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Sleeping With the Enemy"			News		In the Heat of the Night		
(39)	Crossfire		Live From...		The Point		Larry King Live	Newsnight	Crossfire	Moneysline

Events Calendar

Public Computer Access — The SAD44 Adult Learning Center, on Philbrook Street in Bethel, offers literacy services, GED preparation, academic skills instruction to prepare for employment or college, and career and educational advising. The Learning Center computer lab is open for public use by adults during hours that the Learning Center is open: Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. Additional winter hours for the computer lab are: Monday, 5 to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 5 to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, 5 to 8 p.m.

Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Come alone or bring a friend. Reservations are important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. — Water Aerobics at Bethel Inn — Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings. Call 875-2065 for more information.

Mondays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. — Tai Chi classes at Harper Conference Room/Ripley Medical Building, South Paris, taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. Eight weeks. To register, call 875-2426.

9 a.m. — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Town and Country Mobile Home Park community center, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net

April 10, 11, 12
6:30 p.m. — **Auditions for Thornton Wilder's "Our Town"** will be held at Fare Share Commons, Norway, sponsored by Oxford Hills Music and Performing Arts Association. Cast: adults ages 17 to 60 and youths 9 to 16. Scripts available at Norway and South Paris libraries and at Books-N-Things, Oxford Plaza. For more information, call June Sawicki at 583-6767 or Claire sessions at 743-2106.

Thursday, April 11
10 a.m. — **Whitman Memorial Library Book Discussion Group** will meet with Dean B. Bennett, author of "The Wilderness from Chamberlain Farm: A Story of Hope for the American Wild." All are welcome to attend.

6 p.m. — **Neighborhood Crime Watch Program** meeting at Hanover Town Office. You do not need to be a Hanover resident to attend. State Trooper James Nolan will further explain the program and he will answer questions that may arise.

Saturday, April 13
5:30 p.m. — **Benefit Supper and Dance** for Kenny Pulsifer at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills. Dance will be 8 p.m. to midnight with Rockin' Road Runners Band providing the music. Tickets: supper — \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under; dance — \$16 per couple, \$9 for single. For more information or tickets, call Dorene Wilbur at 674-2346.

5 to 6:30 p.m. — **Benefit Public Supper** for Waterford Fair at South Paris VFW Hall. Corn beef/pot roast. Cost: \$6; under five free. Pie auction, 50/50 raffle. For more information, call Eva at 674-2941 (after 5 p.m.).

8 to 11:30 p.m. — **Old-fashioned Dance** at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by the Richard Felt Orchestra. Proceeds benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

7 to 10 p.m. — **Swingin' Bears Mainstream Plus Level Dance** at Oxford Hills Middle School, Pine Street, South Paris. Jim Belanger, caller; Sally Lennox, cuer. Public welcome.

5 to 6:30 p.m. — **Benefit Supper** at Lowell VFW Hall for Kenneth and Rita Knox, whose home burned recently. Cost: \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Menu: beans, casseroles, salads, rolls, pies and beverages.

2 p.m. — **Comedy Basketball Game** to benefit Rumford D.A.R.E. program at Mt. Valley High School, Rumford. Court Jesters Comedy Basketball Team will play the Rumford D.A.R.E. All-Stars. Admission: \$10 (at door).

Sunday, April 14
6 p.m. — **Methodist and Nazarene Gospel Concert** at the Church of the Nazarene, Church Street, Bethel. All are welcome.

1 p.m. (doors open at 12 noon) — **Basket Bingo** at Jackson-Silver American Legion Post, Locke Mills. Proceeds benefit Woodstock Elementary School's fifth-grade Boston trip. \$10 for 16 bingo games, available in advance. Light lunch, snacks, five basket door prizes, four raffle baskets. For more information, call Stephanie Jackson (674-3575), Lisa Lauro (665-2483) or Connie Crandall (743-0958) in the evening.

1 p.m. — **20th annual SpeakOut and Survivors Art Show**, sponsored by R.E.A.C.H. at Fare Share Commons, 443 Main Street, Norway. The Survivors Art Show will be on display through April 17.

9:15 a.m. — **Go to Church Sunday for Grangers** at West Paris Baptist Church.

Monday, April 15
7 p.m. — **Community Service Open House** program at Franklin Grange 124, Bryant Pond.

Support Services

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursday 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project
AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment
Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services
(State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. Tel. 392-4841. (new members welcome)

Mental Illness Support Group

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional or physical illness, provides support, relaxation and socialization. Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or (800) 335-9999 off hours. 928-3222.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-11 a.m. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 a.m. October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to the Public.

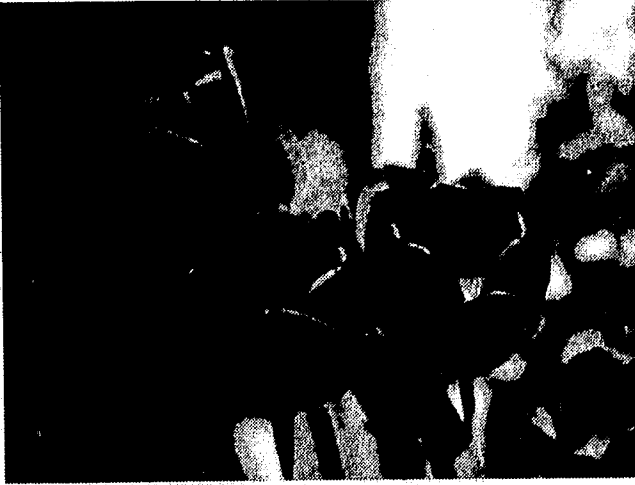
Hamilin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story

Upton Library: Saturdays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.



Tuesday, April 16

11:30 a.m. — **Christian Women United** meeting at Country Way Restaurant, South Paris. Speaker: Judy Torkildsen Salmon of Mechanic Falls. Those not contacted may call Pearl Anderson (743-5724) for reservation.

Wednesday, April 17

1 p.m. — **Woodstock-Greenwood Extension** meeting at Town Conference room. Tasting party and program on memory enhancement and inheritance by Wendy Legg Pollock.

Thursday, April 18

7 p.m. — **Poetry Reading** (in honor of National Poetry month) by New Hampshire poet and Plymouth State College writing faculty member Rick Agran, whose book of poetry is titled "Crow Milk," at New Hampshire Community Technical College Fortier Library, Berlin, N.H. Refreshments. For more information, call (603) 752-5210 or (603) 752-1113.

7 to 8:30 p.m. — **Ballroom Dance Class** (for six weeks) at Greenwood Town Hall, taught by Nancy Willard with proceeds benefiting Tri-Town Rescue. Cost: \$25.

7:30 p.m. — **Community Service Open House** at West Paris Grange 298.

Friday, April 19

10:30 a.m. — **Oxford County Retired Teachers** meeting at North Waterford Congregational Church. Program: Bison Farming by Paul Hersey. Bring change for fun game.

Saturday, April 20

10 to 12 a.m. — **Celebrating Fatherhood, Father and Child Events** Learn to Juggle at Rowe School, Norway, sponsored by Community Concepts. Free and open to public. For more information or to sign up, call Jonathan Goldberg (824-3459) or Sally Goddard (743-7716).

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — **Rummage and Bake Sale** by Goodwill Fellowship at West Paris Unitarian Universalist Church. Rummage items may be left at the church on Thursday, April 18, from 1 to 4 p.m.

5 to 6 p.m. — **Public Supper** (covered dish) at West Paris Grange Hall, Church Street put on by West Paris Grange 298. Tickets: \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

7 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.) — **Oddfellow Theater** in Buckfield will present bluegrass sensation Northern Lights. Call 336-3306 for tickets (\$15 in advance or \$17 at door) Visa and MasterCard accepted.

10 a.m. — **White Mountain National Forest Litter Cleanup Day** — Area children are invited to help in a morning cleanup in the forest. Bring adult and snack, dress for weather and wear sturdy play shoes. Get litter bags, gloves and special Earth Day buttons at Evans Notch Ranger Station on Mayville Road.

5 to 6:30 p.m. — **Grange Public Supper** at North Waterford Congregational Church. Menu: baked ham, mashed potato, salads, biscuits, beverages, homemade pies. Adults, \$6; under 12, \$3. Proceeds to benefit Waterford Grange 479.

7 p.m. — **Hee Haw Variety Show** at Franklin Grange, Bryant Pond. Fiddlin', guitar playin', cloggin', skits, jokes and singin'. Refreshments and door prizes. Tickets: \$5 for age 12 and up and \$3 for under age 12.

Sunday, April 21

BBQ at Blazing Star Lodge, Route 232, Rumford Corner. Menu: chicken, stuffing, cranberry sauce, potato, green beans, cole slaw, homemade bread, pies, coffee and punch.

1 p.m. — **Finnish American Heritage Society of Maine** annual membership luncheon and business meeting at the Heritage Center in West Paris. Families of members invited to attend.

7 p.m. — **Singspiration** at North Paris Federated Church.

Monday, April 22

Woodstock High School Alumni meeting at Alice Hoyt's.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Greenstock Snow Sports Snowmobile Club meets at the Greenwood Town Office at 9 a.m.

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club meeting at Newry Town Office.

Second Sunday: Western Maine Mountain Trail Mixers ATV Club meets at 6:30pm at Sun Valley Sports, 129 Sunday River Road, Bethel. New members welcome.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

Bethel Freedom Group AA meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. ST/B at Bethel Fire Station.

First Monday: Greenwood Planning Board meets at Town Office, 7 p.m.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station.

Franklin Grange #124, 7:00p.m., call 674-3046 or 674-3962 for more info.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Third Monday: Greenwood Comprehensive Planning Committee meets at town office, 7p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for place.

Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

First Tuesday: Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Western Maine Kniters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

FACTS (Family/Friends And Consumers Together for Support) 6:30-8 p.m. at Ethel Bisbee Adult Learning Center. Contact Rhonda at 824-3076.

Greenwood selectmen meet at Town Office, 5 p.m.

Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen meet at 5 p.m. at Town Office.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets in the guidance conference room. Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Rebel Family Restaurant, West Bethel at 6:30pm.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

CrossCountry Quilters will meet at the Robinson House or Bethel Library from 9 to 11am except the last Tuesday of each month the meeting will be from 7 to 9pm.

Cub Scout Pack 566 meeting, 6 p.m., at Crescent Park School Cafeteria.

Mollycoddett Church practice, 6:30-9 p.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Skeefield Rd., Oxford (Call 824-2468 for info).

First Wednesday: Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Archery Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Second Wednesday: Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m. Tax collector also holds hours.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. — **Pottery** — SAD44 Adult Education class. Instructor: Monica Magee of Earth and Fire Pottery. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 22 to May 22. Fee: \$30 plus a materials fee of \$20. To register, call 824-2780.

6 to 9 p.m. — **Stained Glass** — SAD44 Adult Education class. Instructor: Robin Fraser. Six weeks. Fee: \$30. No lab fee for those who bring all tools, glass and supplies. The lab fee of \$20 will include use of tools, supplies, and kit for the first class, after that, students purchase own glass depending on their project. To register, call 824-2780.

4 to 6 p.m. — **Powerpoint** — SAD44 Adult Education class. Prior knowledge of computer use required. Instructor: Judy Coolidge. Three weeks at Crescent Park School. Fee: \$25. To register, call 824-2780.

7 to 9 p.m. — **Digital Devices** — SAD44 Adult Education class. Instructor: Ron Smith on use of scanners, digital cameras, Web cams and related software at Adult Learning Center for six weeks. Fee: \$30. To register, call 824-2780.

Tuesday, April 23

7 to 9 p.m. — **Repair and Upgrades** — SAD44 Adult Education class at Adult Learning Center. Learn to do basic PC procedures yourself. Six weeks. Fee: \$30. To register, call 824-2780.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. — **Step Aerobics** — SAD44 Adult Education class at Telstar weight room. Instructor: Louisa Abamo. Tuesdays and Thursdays for six weeks. Fee: \$30. To register, call 824-2780.

6:45 to 8 p.m. — **Pilates** — SAD44 Adult Education class at Telstar weight room. A systematic and progressive approach of controlled fluid movement, precision, elongation and breathing. Instructor: Louisa Abamo. Six weeks. Fee \$30. To register call 824-2780.

6:45 to 8 p.m. — **Open Weight Room** at Telstar on Tuesdays/Thursdays. Six weeks. Fee: \$30. Signup is required. To register, call 824-2780.

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. — **Morning Exercise** for seniors, etc. with Nancy Willard at Learning Center for six weeks. Fee: \$25. To register, call 824-2780.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. — **Golf 101 and Beyond**, SAD44 Adult Education class at Telstar. Instructor: Mark Mallory. Beginners on Tuesdays and Intermediate/Advanced on Wednesdays. Six weeks. Fee: \$30. To register, call 824-2780.

6 to 9 p.m. — **Basic Sewing**, SAD44 Adult Education class. Instructor: Judy Foster. Six weeks. Fee: \$30. To register, call 824-2780.

6 to 8:30 p.m. — **On Dreams and Dreaming**, SAD44 Adult Education class at Telstar. Instructor: Marie DiSciullo, PhD, a registered counselor in Maine, will lead a class based on the work of Jung, a pioneer in dream research. Six weeks. Fee: \$30. To register, call 824-2780.

7 to 9 p.m. — **Gems and Minerals of Oxford County**, SAD44 Adult Education class with Norm Davis instructing at his home on Route 26 in Newry. Field trips. Six weeks. Fee: \$30. To register, call 824-2780.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. — **Parent Effectiveness in Resolving Conflict**, SAD44 Adult Education class with Wayne Duplessis at his office in the Norway Bank Building on the Parkway, Bethel. Fee: \$20. 6:30 to 8:30 PM, \$20 for materials, some scholarships are available. Call 824-2780 to sign up.

5:30 to 7 p.m. — **Puppy Socialization**, SAD44 Adult Education class with Kathy-Jo Farren and Hilda Ginter of Bethel Animal Hospital at Telstar. Six weeks. Bring proof of vaccines. Limited to 15. Fee: \$35. To register call 824-2780.

2 to 4 p.m. — **Math Brush-up** for College with Lee Dolleman for eight weeks, a SAD44 Adult Education class at Learning Center. Free but need to sign up. To register, call 824-2780

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. — **Career Planning for People in Transition**, a SAD44 Adult Education class with Nina Mollicone at the Learning Center. \$5 per session. To register, call 824-2780.

Wednesday, April 24

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — **Celebrating Seniors Day** at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. Organizations will be present to provide information to community seniors.

7 p.m. — **Vernal Pool Ecology and Conservation**. Sally Stockwell, director of conservation at Maine Audubon, will give slide presentation at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy. Note: this program was changed from April 17 date previously announced.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. — **Quick Books**, an overview of the popular book-keeping program for small businesses, a SAD44 Adult Education class with Diane Howe at the Learning Center. Six weeks. Fee: \$30. To register, call 824-2780.

6 to 7:30 p.m. — **Clog Dancing**, a SAD44 Adult Education class with Michele Varuolo at Telstar Cafeteria. Six weeks. Fee: \$30. To register, call 824-2780.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. — **Espanol en Vida**, a SAD44 Adult Education class with Brendan Mulhall at Telstar. Six weeks. Fee: \$30. To register, call 824-2780.

6 to 8 p.m. — **Introduction to Computers**, a SAD44 Adult Education class with Charlie Jaros at the Andover School. Six weeks. Fee: \$30. To register, call 824-2780.

Church Services

Bethel

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Rick Mowery, 10:00 a.m. worship, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Evening fellowship and youth ministries 6:00pm, Sundays. Prayer fellowship 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Church of the Nazarene—Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 for more info.

West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and church school. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Pastor Father Maurice Lebel 743-2606.

United Methodist—Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 10 a.m. Sunday worship. Rainbow Church School, 3-5 p.m. Thursdays (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school. For info. call 836-2844 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church—Held on the third Sunday of the month at 4pm at the Bohr home on 38 Chapman Street. For more information, call 824-2913.

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Worldwide Church of God—10:30 a.m. first, second (third and fifth) Saturday each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact: George Weber, 892-0779

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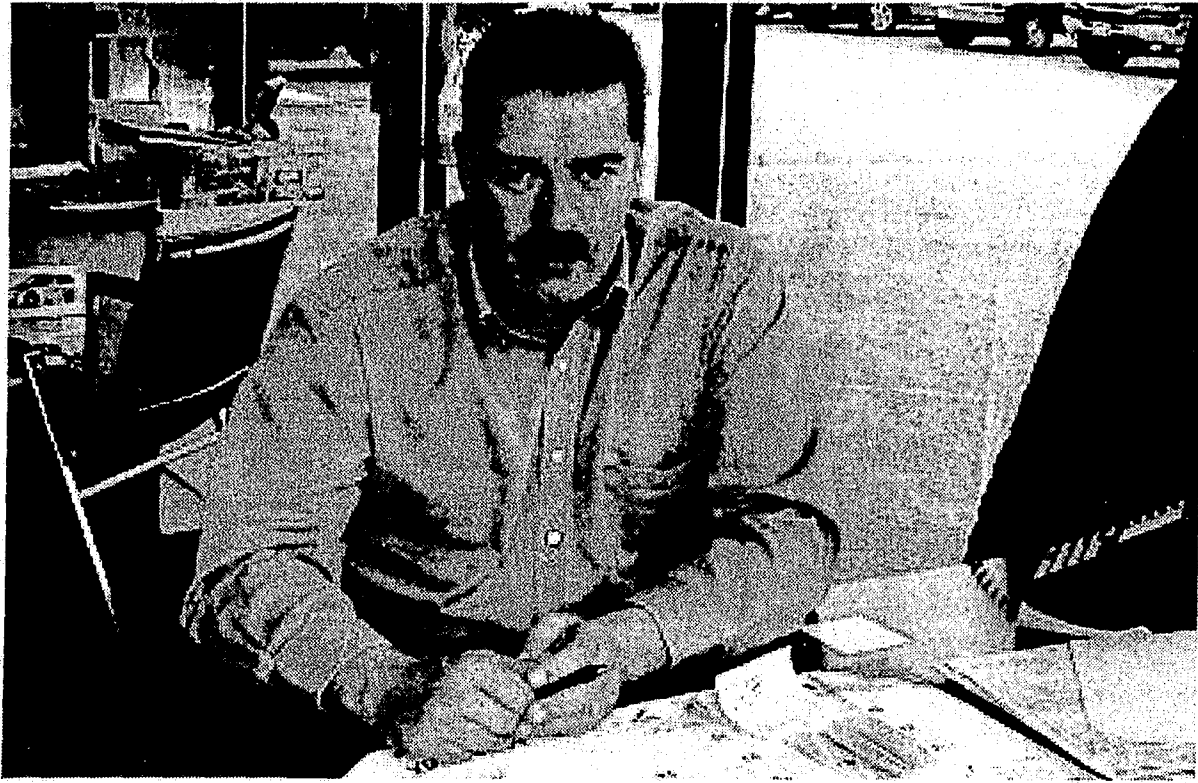
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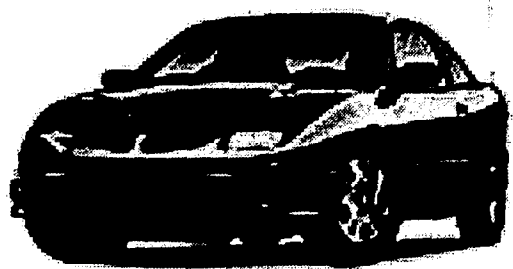
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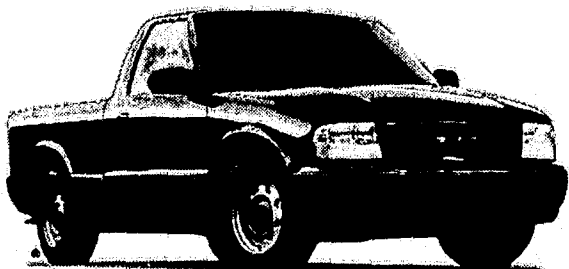
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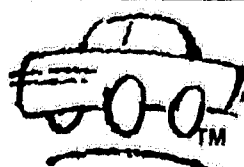


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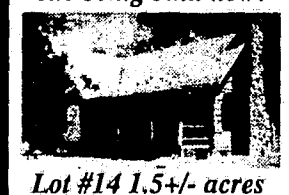


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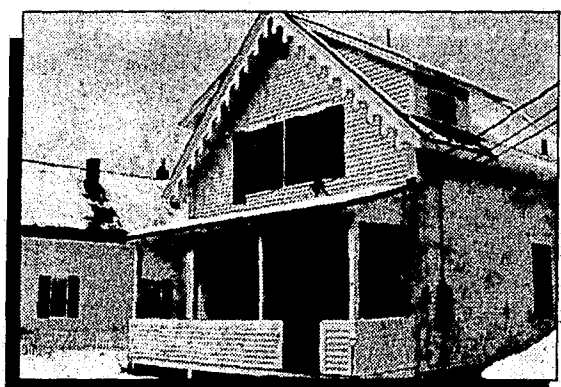


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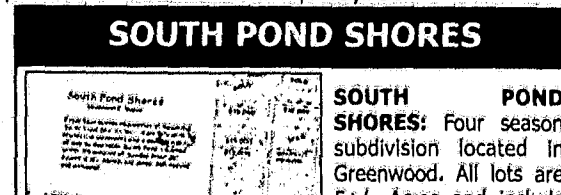
GREAT LOCATION NEAR SUNDAY RIVER: This property is ideally located near the ski resort. Very spacious and can accommodate a number of people or be converted into a duplex. A wonderful opportunity at a great price! **\$124,000**



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Q. What's your opinion on skylights? My husband and I would like to add one above the living room, but a friend told us that a skylight would cause problems with heating and cooling the house. — Janine W., El Paso, Texas

A. Ask any skylight manufacturer or dealer, and they'll tell you skylights are the greatest thing since sliced bread. Ask a homeowner with skylights, and you'll probably get mixed reviews, at best.

A skylight can provide an inexpensive source of light in large areas, like the living room or kitchen. However, two of the biggest complaints I hear about them are a lack of insulation,

which makes heating or cooling the room difficult, and "hot spots," or areas where the light constantly falls, causing furniture and carpeting to fade in that area.

Skylight manufacturers are well aware of these problems, and most have features you can add to a skylight to minimize these problems. For example, Velux, a major manufacturer, offers additional insulation, as well as skylight shades that can be opened and closed with a remote. These features help keep inside temperatures steady, and the shades — several types are offered — can block or diffuse light, minimizing hot spots.

Velux can be contacted at 1-800-888-3589, or visit its Web site at www.velux.com.

An alternative to skylights is tubular lighting. This popular lighting method, which uses aluminum tubing combined with a reflective system to direct outside light into the house, resolves the temperature problem. Light entering the room is often diffused further, reducing the chance of creating a hot spot. Additionally, tubular lighting is fairly easy to install and is often sold in kits, allowing do-it-yourselfers to, well, do it themselves.

The main drawback to tubular light-

ing is that the light reflects only so far — meaning the lighting system may be limited to a few areas of the house.

Several tubular lighting manufacturers are out there. Solatube International, Inc. is one of the best-known manufacturers, and can be contacted at 1-800-966-7652 or at www.solatube.com. Solar Bright Corporation offers do-it-yourself kits starting at \$209

and can be reached at 1-800-780-1759 or at www.solarbright.com. Sun Tunnel Skylights manufactures flexible tubing using acrylic components, and can be contacted at 1-800-369-3664 or at www.suntunnel.com.

Your best bet is to decide what "look" works best in your living room — an open, airy space or a more intimate yet well-lit area. Take into

account the costs involved with both lighting systems. Contact a few manufacturers (or their dealers) to get a better idea of what they offer.

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Chase Road, Bethel: This gambrel style home is in a very private location and features hand hewn beams and hemlock floors. The lower level has a bar area with game/media room, main level has a very nice kitchen, an atrium dining area, living room with a deck and a 1/2 bath. The upper level has 3 bedrooms, office area and full bath. Surrounded by woods, this great house is a must see. \$149,900

Mt. Abram Ski Resort, Greenwood: This modified gambrel has incredible style and space. On the first and second level there are 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living, dining and kitchen areas. In the daylight basement is a small apartment. \$95,000

Rumford Point: This house has a living room, large eat in kitchen, laundry room and bath on the first floor. On the second floor there is 1 bath and 2 large bedrooms. A large back yard has a new 8x12 shed. Convenient to area ski resorts and Bethel Village. \$54,900.

Mayville Road, Rt. 2, Bethel: This ranch style house is just on the outskirts of Bethel Village. It is very convenient to Sunday River Ski Resort and Mt. Abram. Don't miss this chance to take a look at this property. \$169,000

Bird Hill, McCrillis Road, Woodstock: This well maintained mobile home has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, laundry area, nice, large kitchen with a pantry and a living room. In the addition is a very large room suitable for another bedroom or family room and a very large screened in porch. Come take a look. \$39,900

Cushing Road, Rt. 232, Bethel: This great little home house sits on 1.6 acres and has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen and dining area. It also has a full basement and two heating sources, wood and oil. \$74,900

Mt. Abram Condo, Greenwood: This 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo has spectacular views of Mt. Abram. Ski slopes! Tastefully decorated and furnished. This condo comes with a fully equipped kitchen and a woodburning stove for a warm and cozy atmosphere. Sleeps 6 comfortably. Call for your showing soon. \$65,900

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New Listing - Sunday River Village at Sunday River Ski Resort: This well-maintained 1991 Contemporary is offered on 1/4 wooded acre sporting beautiful mountain views and situated within walking distance to Sunday River trails. Exhibiting striking appeal throughout its 3-story floor plan, it showcases a stately Living Room with marble fireplace, expansive use of large Anderson windows, high ceilings, wall-to-wall carpeting and large adjacent eat-in kitchen with rich tile flooring and exterior deck area. 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths inclusive of upper level luxury master suite with adjoining den, expansive closet space and Garage. Offered in Move-In Condition, Newly Furnished Throughout. What A Wonderful Place To Call Home! \$359,000

New Listing - Sunday River Village: Situated in the Most Requested of Upper-End Ski Villages on a 1+/- acre parcel gleaming with southern exposure and developed in spectacular mountain vistas laden with Sunday River Ski trails. What an ideal setting for this Adorable Chalet, enriched with pine walls, pine ceilings and a multitude of large windows, glass sliders and scenic decks. Its interior is sun-drenched offering an open living concept throughout. Its Great Room with impressive stone hearth with wood-burning stove, efficient Kitchen area and adjoining Dining Room. 3 Baths and 4 Bedrooms, inclusive of a private upper level master suite plus a lower level Family Room, with second woodstove, can accommodate the largest of gatherings. Plus, with ample room for expansion plans if needed. In your vision, customize additional spaces to suit your personal needs. A year round dwelling on a town maintained road with drilled well and septic, this exceptional property is within walking distance to ski lifts and trails & amenities and trolley service. Don't hesitate, as offerings in this Location are truly in Demand. Priced to Sell at \$99,000

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New Listing - Route 2, Andover: Formerly known as the Joshua R. Howard Farm, circa 1880, this large majestic structure is most prominently situated on highly trafficked Route 2 only 3 1/2 miles to the Sunday River Ski Area. An Entrepreneur's Dream in terms of prime location & 90+/- of extensive road frontage on 42+/- acres, it boasts glorious Andover River & expansive mt views. This rambling farmhouse w/2 huge barns, 6-7 Bns, EIK, DR, LR & OFFH/HVAC heating system awaits your tender loving restoration for your next residential/commercial venture. \$229,900

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Obituaries

RONALD H. ELLIS SR.

Ronald H. Ellis Sr., 93, of Gleason Street, Mexico passed away Friday, April 5, 2002 at his residence with family by his side.

He was born on Dec. 31, 1908, in Rumford, the son of Robert and Ella (Hanson) Ellis. He graduated from Stephens High School in 1926 and began working for the railroad.

Having an adventurous spirit, he left Maine as a young man and traveled to Florida, where he began working at the Breakers Hotel. He also worked on various cruise ships.

He moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., and worked for the Jewish Hospital, caring for research animals. This led to a zookeeper position with the Prospect Park Zoo.

During this time he married his high school sweetheart, Laura Paulin.

He was later promoted to Zoo director, and remained there for 36 years, retiring in 1973.

He was especially fond of the big cats and numerous other animals, but the elephants stole his heart. An excellent photographer, his portrait collection of zoo animals are a treasure to all who have seen them.

At the request of the deceased the services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Oxford County Association for Retarded Persons 75 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford, ME 04276.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and by those who shared his life.

Survivors include his second wife, Susan of Mexico; two daughters, Joan and husband Jim Dunkley of Rumford, and Laura Jean Ellis of Mexico; two sons, Ronald Jr., and Arthur and wife Amy of New York, N.Y.; one stepdaughter, Leslie Ann and husband Rich Baumgartel of Bryant Pond; three stepsons, Charles L. Johnson Jr. and wife Michelle of Peru, Christopher C. Johnson and fiancée Dawn Eliot of Bryant Pond; and Frederick C. Johnson and wife Shelley of Bryant Pond; one brother, Carl and wife Betty of Rumford; one sister, Ruth Reinheart of Texas; seven grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild. He was predeceased by two brothers, Cliff and Harry; his first wife, Laura; and his dog, Spot.

Births

Lance and Jennifer Bean of Woodstock are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Jaylee Ellen, born on Feb. 28, 2002 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are John and Judy Allen of South Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Beth and Doug Blake of Norway and Brian and Darlene Bean of South Paris.

Jaylee joins her brother, Brayden Arthur, age 3.

Kimberley Bumpus and Charles D. Smallwood of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Gregory Scott Smallwood, born on March 29, 2002 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Brian and Brenda Hodgdon of Oxford.

Paternal grandparents are Gary and Dian Smallwood of Clairmont, N.H.

Gregory joins sister Adrianna Bumpus and brother Tyler Bumpus.

Richarda A. Marston and Walter H. Connell III of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Raoul Luken Marston-Connell, born on March 25, 2002 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Irene M. Marston of Harrison and Dennis C. Garey of Auburn.

Paternal grandparents are Walter H. Connell II of Norway and Eris Session of Lakeland, Fla.

Raoul joins a sister, Briana, age 5, and a brother, Dalton, age 2.

Card of Thanks

The family of Hilda Donahue would like to thank our friends for the cards and phone calls.

Thanks to the staff at Ledgeview Living Center and Greenleaf Funeral Home.

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Applications are available by calling Kevin Finley at 824-4913

The deadline for the application is May 1, 2002

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WOODSTOCK TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Beginning April 2, 2002

the Woodstock Town Office will be open from

12:00 noon to 8:00pm only on

the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The hours for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday will remain unchanged and will be open from 9:00am-5:00pm

Woodstock Board of Selectmen

Notice to Bidders

The Town of Woodstock is now accepting sealed bids for the construction of a Handicap access ramp to be built at the Whitman Memorial Library. The ramp is to be constructed by using 6" thick concrete frost walls running in an "L" shape along the existing foundation of the Library. An appropriate amount of re-bar should be used in the walls. The space created by the new walls should be filled with gravel and compacted. The walk area should then be covered with 2" of hot top. The ramp will need to be approximately 27' long to accommodate the 27" rise from ground level to doorsill. A set of concrete poured steps is to be constructed on the high end of the ramp.

A sketch and further details are available at the Woodstock Town Office. Bids will be accepted until 5PM on Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at which time they will be opened. The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Please mark sealed bids Handicap Ramp.

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